



East Keilor Cricket Club – Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for **players, coaches, parents, volunteers, and spectators** to ensure that cricket is played in accordance with **Cricket Victoria's and the VTCA's values** – promoting **fairness, integrity, and respect** for the game and its participants.

Our Commitment

East Keilor Cricket Club is committed to providing an environment where everyone feels welcome, respected, and valued. Discrimination, harassment, and bullying will not be tolerated.

Who This Applies To

This Code covers everyone involved in cricket at East Keilor Cricket Club. It includes, but is not limited to, players, parents, supporters, members and committee members.

Code of Conduct

By signing this code of conduct, you acknowledge your responsibility to:

1. **Respect for Umpires, Officials & Opponents**
 - Treat all **umpires, opponents, and officials** with **respect**, regardless of the match outcome.
 - Abide by **umpire decisions without dissent**, as required by the VTCA.
 - Shake hands after each match as a symbol of sportsmanship.
2. **No Abuse or Misconduct**
 - Verbal abuse, racial or discriminatory remarks, **offensive gestures**, and **threatening behavior** will result in immediate disciplinary action.
 - This applies to players, team staff, and **spectators**, both on and off the field.
3. **Follow the Laws & Spirit of the Game**
 - Comply with the **Laws of Cricket, VTCA by-laws**, and tournament regulations.
 - Play within the **spirit of the game** — avoid gamesmanship and uphold fair play.
4. **Zero Tolerance for Cheating**
 - Cheating, including **ball tampering, deliberate time-wasting, dishonest appealing, or misleading umpires**, is strictly prohibited.
5. **Avoiding Conflict & Escalation**
 - Disagreements must be managed calmly.
 - Refrain from engaging in **arguments, sledging, or retaliatory behavior**.
 - Report concerns to the captain, coach, or club official.
6. **Player Safety**
 - Always act in a manner that ensures **the physical safety of all participants**.
 - Dangerous play, intentional harm, or disregard for others' wellbeing is not tolerated.

7. Use of Equipment & Facilities

- Use all club and match equipment responsibly.
- Any damaged gear must be repaired or replaced promptly.
- Respect all clubrooms, ovals, and facilities - leave them clean and undamaged.

8. Spectator Conduct

- Spectators are expected to **support players positively**, without coaching from the sidelines or criticizing umpires.
- Poor behaviour from spectators reflects on the team and may result in club sanctions.

9. Social Media Responsibility

- Avoid making **negative or inflammatory posts** about players, officials, or the club.
- Use social media responsibly to promote **sportsmanship and unity**.

10. Disciplinary Action

- Any breach of this code, or VTCA regulations, may result in:
 - Official warnings
 - Suspension
 - Referral to the VTCA Tribunal
 - Suspension or permanent removal from the club

How to Report Issues

Speak Up: If you're uncomfortable or see something wrong, tell a captain, coach or club official. It can be anonymous.

Investigation: We take every report seriously. We'll look into it promptly, respecting everyone's privacy.

Resolution: We'll do what's needed to fix the situation, which could include mediation or disciplinary action.

Acknowledgement & Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to uphold the **EKCC Code of Conduct**, and I understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action as per EKCC and VTCA rules.

Name (Print)	
Signature	
Date	