



Coaches' Code of Behaviour

MLICC prides itself on creating an environment where community cricket thrives with the assistance of our passionate volunteers.

The environment created by a coach is integral to the overall experience of players. Through your participation as a coach, you commit to uphold the expectations set out below to the best of your ability in the best interest of the club.

- Community cricket is about players enjoying themselves, whilst winning is an element of cricket, at MLICC we strive to give players the opportunity to develop friendships, respect for one another and a sense of belonging to a team.
- There is no room for ridicule, raising your voice or making demands about producing a better effort. The focus is on the player's enjoyment. Try identifying where players are improving and offer praise in preference to focusing on things going wrong. Your emotional control is paramount to the players' learning.
- Ensure everything you do is about long-term development. Cricket is a game that takes a while to learn, so stay patient and help your players see themselves in the future.
- Give all the players an equal opportunity. Overplaying talented players to try and win is shortsighted and creates a poor experience for many.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket. Display control and respect for those involved including opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents, and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- Be aware of and follow this and any other Codes of Conduct and/or Policies of the Club, and State Cricket Association that are relevant to your role.