

TARANAKI SCHOOL CRICKET **CODE OF CONDUCT**

This Code of Conduct applies to all players, umpires, managers, coaches, parents and spectators of teams playing in the North Taranaki Junior Cricket Association controlled or administered games.

GENERAL

Cricket is to be played within the spirit of the game. RESPECT is to be shown at all times to your opponents, captain, team, coach, the umpires and the game's traditional values.

All players, umpires, managers, coaches, parents and spectators should play cricket with the following ideals in mind:

1. Respect the rules.
2. Respect the officials and accept their decisions.
3. Respect the opponent.
4. Have a concern for equal opportunity.
5. Be gracious winners and dignified losers.

PLAYER CONDUCT

As players you are to play cricket with great sportsmanship and within the laws of the game. Players should:

1. Cooperate with others and treat them with respect.
2. Have fun; develop your own skills while accepting your limits.
3. Know the rules and follow the principles of fair play.
4. Accept the Umpire's decision without dissent, even if you do not think they are right.
5. Never use abusive & coarse language.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UMPIRES

The umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time. The umpires are to:

1. Cooperate with others (players and the other umpire) and treat them with respect.
2. Know the rules and apply them fairly.
3. Accept the other Umpire's decision without dissent, even if you do not think they are right. (The square leg umpire's decision will be limited to run outs and no balls (above waist height).
4. To report to Taranaki Cricket any breach of the code of conduct.

AS PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Never force children to participate - only encourage.
2. Talk to your child/player. Encourage them. Are they having fun?
3. Are they learning that being fair and developing new skills are important?
4. Do not encroach onto the playing area.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACHES AND MANAGERS

Coaches and Managers are expected to promote the traditional values of the game while ensuring play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws. The coach is responsible for the conduct of players and parents/guardians. As a Coach or Manager you should:

1. Set a positive example.
2. Teach the values of sportsmanship to your team.
3. Never argue with officials in front of players or spectators.
4. Discourage a 'win at all costs' attitude.
5. Encourage all players to participate and treat all players fairly.
6. Try to minimise the time on the pitch, unless umpiring.

QUESTIONABLE BOWLING ACTIONS

If a player displays a questionable bowling action, ie bent arm when bowling. The following process must be followed after the game has finished (not during the game).

1. The Coach of the player's team to be notified of the questionable action.
2. The Coach to then email Taranaki Cricket with name of player, team belongs to and action in question.

NOTE: The player is not to be approached or the matter discussed during the game or immediately after it.

Taranaki Cricket will then follow it's protocol with New Zealand Cricket and report back to the coach once the player has been assessed.

COMPLAINT/PROTEST PROCEDURE

Any complaint or protest for breach of game rules or competition rules must be submitted on a Junior Code of Conduct - Report form (on website under Junior - Rules) by email to helen.tca@xtra.co.nz within 48 hours of the incident or issue occurring. Where possible the issue will be considered within 48 hours of receiving the complaint and a response provided in writing.

Any queries or issues regarding any matter concerning the North Taranaki Junior Cricket competitions should be directed to:

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