

Port Colts CC

Mainstream cricket for players with an intellectual disability

Port Colts XI is a unique mainstream team with 80% of the team being players with an intellectual disability.

Playing in their competition's lowest grade, they enjoy only a modest winning rate, however the idea of winning lags well behind the team's two main objectives of enjoying the cricket experience and gaining respect as people playing cricket.

Respecting the game of cricket and all of those involved is evidenced in a variety of ways:

- Accepting all umpiring decisions and never disputing with an umpire or the opposition
- In the spirit of having fun, entering into friendly banter with each other but never direct sledging remarks to the opposition
- Regardless of the match outcome, all players shaking the hands of opposition players at the end of each game
- Ensuring that afternoon tea during their home games is always of a very high standard and offering the friendliest of hospitality to their opponents
- The willingness of players to field for the opposition should they be a player down in the field
- The opposition is always invited into the clubrooms at the end of the game, where a short wrap up of the game is held over a few drinks followed by 3 cheers for the opposition

The Port Colts approach to the game results in everyone, including parents, spectators, players, partners and volunteers of both the team and the opposition being made to feel completely welcome.