



North Ringwood CC

The Parent's Code of Conduct

As a parent of a player at North Ringwood Junior Cricket Club, each parent agrees to the following conditions:

- If children are interested, encourage them to play cricket. However, if a child is not willing to play, do not force him or her.
- Win or lose, heroic or scared, talent or clumsy, make sure your children know you love them and appreciate their efforts. Positively reinforce, rather than criticise, but hide your disappointment when they fail to measure up to your expectations.
- Be objective and honest about your child's sporting capability, their appetite for competition, their sportsmanship and actual skill level.
- Be helpful, but don't become their coach on the way to the oval, on the way back or at breakfast. It's difficult not to, but it's more difficult for children's minds to be crowded with advice, pep talks and often critical instruction.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender, race or ability.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- Remember, children are involved in organised sports for **their** enjoyment.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through appropriate channels, rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember most officials give their time and effort voluntarily for your child's involvement.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Coaches are often heroes to young players so get to and support them rather than compete with them.
- Be at the clubrooms by 7.30am on each match day to receive last minute information pertinent to the match.

Ensure that your child attends matches for which they are selected. If an absence is planned, team managers are to be informed by the **training session prior to the first day of a match** if the player is unavailable.