



Expectations of Junior Players, Parents & Coaches

Golden Point Cricket Club Inc. Formed 1910

Policy Statement

Our attitude and demeanour on and off the cricket field influences the reputation of Golden Point Cricket Club (GPCC), and the relationship between GPCC players and the players, coaches, officials and spectators of opposition clubs. That being the case, GPCC expects its members and associates to behave positively and respectfully during all games of cricket and other GPCC events.

The purpose of this document is to outline how GPCC expects junior players, parents, carers and coaches to behave during games and at training. Although most of the points are related to cricket, the underlying principles also apply to behaviour at GPCC events. We believe that cricket will be more enjoyable for all involved if the expectations listed below are followed.

The material in this document has been modified from Cricket Australia's [Playing Policies and Guidelines](#).

The Golden Point Cricket Club Executive and Committee of 2018/2019 endorse and support this policy statement and the associated list of expectations.

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Expectations – Junior Players

1. Respect Golden Point Cricket Club. Treat our clubrooms, equipment and all of our facilities as you would treat your own home and belongings.
2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player, umpire, coach and spectator regardless of their ability, gender, cultural background or religion.
3. Cooperate with your captain, umpires, team mates, coaches and opposition players and coaches. Without them there would be no competition.
4. Always be dressed in the correct attire and be ready to begin your game or pre-match preparation at the scheduled time.
5. Play by the rules – playing fair earns you respect. Winning is without value if achieved unfairly or dishonestly.
6. Be a good sport. Accept both winning and losing with dignity. Don't over-celebrate winning or seek excuses for defeat.
7. Learn to lose graciously. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.
8. Never argue with an umpire. Accept the umpire's decision with grace, even if you disagree with it.
9. Control your temper. Abuse of umpires, teammates, opponents, spectators or your own equipment is not acceptable.
10. Positive verbal communication on the field of play is encouraged, but sledging is unacceptable. Sledging is when players seek to gain a competitive advantage by insulting, verbally intimidating or provoking an opposition player.



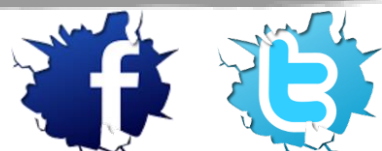


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Expectations – Parents & Carers

1. Respect Golden Point Cricket Club. Remember that you are representing GPCC when attending training, games and club events.
2. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket.
3. Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
4. Encourage your child to play by the rules.
5. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
6. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
7. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances by all participants.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
9. Respect the decisions of umpires, even if you disagree. Teach junior players to do likewise.
10. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person involved in junior cricket, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
12. Do not smoke at training, junior matches or events. In Victoria, smoking is banned within 10 meters of outdoor sporting venues during under 18s competitions.





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Expectations - Coaches

1. Help players and other coaches to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
2. Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
3. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
4. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
5. Place the safety and welfare of players above all else.
6. Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
7. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
8. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
9. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
10. Respect the opinions and decisions of officials, administrators and other coaches.
11. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.
12. Avoid overplaying the talented players; all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities.
13. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
14. 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.
15. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and principles.





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16. Avoid physical contact with a young person that is not necessary for the player's skill development.
17. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
18. Do not tolerate abusive, bullying, threatening or otherwise vilifying behaviour.
19. Do not smoke at training, junior matches or events. In Victoria, smoking is banned within 10 meters of outdoor sporting venues during under 18s competitions.

