

ALBURY CRICKET CLUB

incorporating Albury Cricket Club, Albury Junior Cricket Club, Albury Football Club and Albury Eagles Football Club
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Code of Conduct

Sport is an important part of life. All those involved with sport at every level, whether as a player, match official, coach, owner or administrator, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the reputation of sport is, and remains, high.

Community

Sport, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. The Club will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

Equality

The Club is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

Participants

The Club recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of sport. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. The Club is committed to appropriate consultation with those who so participate.

Young People

The Club acknowledges the extent that sport can influence young people and pledges to set a positive example.

Propriety

The Club acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour and as such will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

Trust and Respect

The Club will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in sport, whether they are individuals or other clubs and organisations.

Violence

The Club rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone.

Fairness

The Club is committed to fairness in its dealings with all those involved in the provision of sporting activities.

Integrity and Fair Play

The Club is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.

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Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics in sport.

A Coach's ethics and their attitude directly affects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications.

It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves from a "win-at-all-costs" attitude.

Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved in coaching young people. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of The Club, coach or Member.

Set out below is The F.A. Coaches Association Code of Conduct (which reflects the standards expressed by the National Coaching Foundation and the National Association of Sports Coaches), which forms the benchmark for all involved in coaching and to which The Club subscribes:

1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
3. Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
4. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
5. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
7. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
8. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent or guardian) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
9. Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
10. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the laws governing the sport, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the laws, rules and regulations of the sport or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
11. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
12. Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

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Code of Conduct for Players

Players are the most important people in sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of a match/game but not winning at any cost. Fair Play and respect for all others in the match/game is fundamentally important.

Obligations towards the game

A player should:

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a match/game, even if the team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
5. Always have regard for the best interests of the match/game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the match/game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the match/game.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team

A player should:

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the laws of the sport to help the team win.
2. Resist any influence that might, or might be seen to, bring into question their commitment to the team winning.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules

A player should:

1. Know and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the sport and the competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect towards Opponents

A player should:

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the match/game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A player should:

1. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Respect towards Team Officials

A player should:

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
2. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

Obligations towards the Supporters

A player should:

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1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

Code of Conduct for Team Officials

This Code applies to all team / club officials (although some items may not apply to all officials).

Obligations towards the Game

The team official should:

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop their team having regard to the interest of the players, supporters and reputation of the sport.
3. Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
5. Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
6. Always have regard for the best interests of the match/game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the match/game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the match/game.
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations towards the Team

The team official should:

1. Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results for the team, using all permitted means.
2. Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.
3. Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
4. Promote ethical principles.
5. Show due respect for the interests of the players, coaches and officials, their own club/team and others.

Obligations towards the Supporters

The team official should:

1. Show due respect for the interests of supporters.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A team official should:

1. Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official.
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Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators

Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in sport. The Club is committed to reinforcing to parents and spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying sport.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Improving the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players.
- Officials.
- Managers.
- Spectators.

The Club undertakes to ensure that parents / spectators are always positive and encouraging towards all participating children not just their own or those with whom they are acquainted.

The Club undertakes to encourage parents / spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as their own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during the match/game.
- Refrain from shouting and screaming.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in the match/game not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in sport.

The Club undertakes to ensure that parents / spectators within The Club agree and adhere to The Club's Code of Conduct, Anti-Discrimination and Equal Opportunities Policy and Child Protection Policy.