

WESTERN PROVINCE YOUTH CRICKET

CODE OF CONDUCT AT CRICKET MATCHES /TOURNAMENTS

PREAMBLE

All players participating in the WESTERN PROVINCE YOUTH CRICKET programmes must be learners attending a registered school or learners engaged in the study of a school curriculum or its equivalent. They are thus subject to basic school rules and to the rules laid down by the Executive Committee and the tournament / match organisers. Similarly, officials (whether they are administrators, managers, coaches, scorers or umpires) should conduct themselves in a responsible manner befitting the teaching profession.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Participants at WESTERN PROVINCE YOUTH CRICKET matches / tournaments:
 - 1.1.1 Should not do anything which will harm or discredit their school/club, Province or families.
 - 1.1.2 Should not do anything that will harm, discredit, or make them ashamed of themselves.
 - 1.1.3 Should not do or say anything that may bring WESTERN PROVINCE YOUTH CRICKET into disrepute.

2. ON THE FIELD

(NOTE: "ON THE FIELD" refers to all infringements that may occur within the context of a game. This includes behaviour at the side of the field as well as on the actual field of play).

2.1 PLAYERS / MANAGERS / COACHES / OFFICIALS:

- 2.1.1 must acknowledge that the umpires are in sole control of a cricket match once a game has commenced.
- 2.1.2 must not abuse an umpire, or dispute a decision, or react in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner, either towards an umpire, his/her decision, or generally.
- 2.1.3 when dissatisfied with any situation within the game, must not remonstrate by verbal abuse or by throwing equipment or clothing, or by abusing equipment.
- 2.1.4 must not indulge in intimidation that goes beyond the laws and spirit of the game.
- 2.1.5 must not use crude and/or abusive language. **ESPECIALLY COMMENTS WHICH CAN BE CONSTRUED TO BE OF A RACIAL NATURE.**
- 2.1.6 must not assault or attempt to assault a spectator or a player/ manager/ coach/ official or an umpire.
- 2.1.7 must at all times abide by the playing conditions, rules and regulations organized under the auspices of WESTERN PROVINCE YOUTH CRICKET.

3. OFF THE FIELD

3.1 PLAYERS

- 3.1.1 will be subject to school discipline from the time they are in the care of management until they are returned to their parents.
- 3.1.2 should at all times adhere to the dress code of their school / club / province.
- 3.1.3 at official tournaments, are not allowed to attend any function without prior permission of their managers, especially at premises licensed to sell alcohol.
- 3.1.4 must adhere to the rules and regulations pertaining to facilities and premises provided by the hosts. Due respect and responsibility should be accorded such facilities.
- 3.1.5 at official tournaments, are required to adhere to the "lights out" hour laid down by the local organising committee.
- 3.1.6 are required to obey the instructions of any manager or official detailed by the organising committee to supervise them.

3.2. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, DRUG ABUSE, THEFT OR VANDALISM BY PLAYERS

- 3.2.1 Players must refrain from smoking, consuming alcohol, using drugs, theft or vandalism from the time they are in the care of management until they are returned to their parents.
- 3.2.2 Drugs for medical use will be allowed provided such drugs are approved by a medical doctor.
- 3.2.3 Any player found guilty of the above offences **WILL BE SUBJECT TO SEVERE SANCTION.**

3.3 MANAGERS AND COACHES:

- 3.3.1 should be aware that they are "in loco parentis" and are in charge of the most precious and important people in the parents' lives. They are therefore charged to act and behave accordingly.
- 3.3.2 managers are responsible for the behaviour of their teams. It is preferable that managers be teachers/ club officials, if possible. Schools/ clubs are to ensure that managers/ coaches of teams are mature and responsible in behaviour. Managers/ coaches should be aware that the behaviour of their charges will, in most cases, be a reflection of their own effectiveness and leadership.
- 3.3.3 **should attend ALL managers' meeting when requested to do so.**
- 3.3.4 are requested to perform the lawful instructions of the Association and the Disciplinary Committee.
- 3.3.5 should perform hostel/ residence duty at tournaments/ weeks, when required.

3.4 SCHOOLS / CLUBS

- 3.4.1 **Schools/ clubs are expected to ensure that all fixtures of WP YOUTH CRICKET are fulfilled and played in the proper spirit.**
 - 3.4.1.1 It shall always be the responsibility of the team drawn HOME, to confirm the date

and the venue of the fixture.

3.4.1.2 Notice of withdrawal from a fixture should be given to the opponents at the latest by 13h00 on the day prior to the match, failing which such school/ club shall be deemed to have defaulted.

3.4.2 In the event of a school/club not fulfilling a WP YOUTH CRICKET fixture, such defaulting school/club shall be deemed to be in breach of the Code of Conduct of WP YOUTH CRICKET and be may be summoned to appear before the Disciplinary Committee (D.C.).

3.4.3 In cases where a school/club cannot fulfil a fixture due to circumstances beyond its control, it shall be incumbent upon the defaulting school/club to satisfy WP YOUTH CRICKET that the circumstances were beyond its control.

4. DRESS CODE

4.1 Managers, Coaches, Umpires and Players are requested to be properly attired:

4.1.1 Managers/Coaches – long trousers, collared shirt, socks and shoes; or collared shirt with school/club/ provincial tracksuit or shorts and training shoes. **Managers/Coaches are not to be bare foot at matches.**

4.1.2 Umpires – dark long trousers, collared shirt, preferably a tie, and shoes. Tracksuit tops may be worn.

4.1.3 Players – Cricket "Whites" i.e. collared shirt, jersey (if required), long trousers (shorts for Junior Youth), socks and cricket shoes. No coloured belts or other coloured attire except for headgear as condoned by the school/ club, province or local organising committee. Players not on the field of play (e.g.: the batting side) are not to be "bare foot", must wear shirts and are to remain appropriately attired at all times.

5. BREACHES – PROCEDURE

5.1 ON THE FIELD

Where an official, umpire, manager, coach or captain wishes to report a player/ official/ umpire/ manager/ coach for an alleged breach of the code, he/ she should advise the office of the Cricket Manager of Amateur Cricket within twenty four (24) hours of the close of play and thereafter submit the written report to the Convenor of the Disciplinary Committee not later than forty eight (48) hours after the close of play of the day on which the alleged breach would have taken place. In the case of captains, such communication shall only be done via the team manager.

5.2 Any official may report a breach of the code to any member of the Disciplinary Committee (D.C). (See 6.1.1 for composition of D.C.)

6. DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

6.1 Hearings shall be convened by the Disciplinary Committee (DC).

6.1.1 The DC shall consist of a minimum of three members, namely the Convenor of the Disciplinary Committee, Chairman/ Vice- Chairman of the Youth Executive and the Convenor of the Playing Affairs Committee. The Chairman of the Senior Disciplinary Committee of the Western Province Cricket Association and the Western Province Cricket Association shall be ex-officio members of the DC.

6.2 Hearings shall take place at the earliest possible convenience.

6.2.1 At the hearings the DC shall hear evidence from.

- the complainant;
- the accused;
- any relevant witnesses;
- the managers of the teams concerned.

The accused shall be entitled to be represented by an official of his school / club

7. PENALTIES

7.1 Players, schools / clubs found guilty of a breach of code:

- 7.1.2 may be reprimanded.
- 7.1.3 may be required to make / write an apology.
- 7.1.4 may be required to make due financial recompense for misconduct involving default, theft or vandalism.
- 7.1.5 may be suspended from fixtures.
- 7.1.6 may be expelled from a particular competition.
- 7.1.7 may be required to pay a fine.

Any of the above penalties may be suspended for a fixed period determined by the DC.

7.2 Penalties imposed or recommended by the DC may be referred to school / clubs for action by the schools / clubs.

8. PARENTS

8.1 Schools / clubs are required, to the best of their ability, to ensure that the behaviour and actions of parents at WP Youth Cricket fixtures and/or National tournaments be in line with the spirit and intentions of this Code of Conduct.

Managers / coaches are to assume responsibility in this regard.