



Code of Conduct Booklet

Parents should: -

- Create and maintain a positive team “vibe” amongst players and parents.
- Support your Child in his selected role, without additional expectations.
- Support each player in their selected role, without ridicule or criticism.
- Support the Alberton Cricket club, executive, team coach & management.
- Not interfere with team selection and or team performance.
- Not bring the game of cricket into disrepute on or off the field in any form or manner.
- Should not interfere with on field Umpires, Captains and the duties of the management staff.
- Think of innovative ways to spoil the team, ensuring that fond memories are taken home.

Players should: -

- Display proper cricket etiquette, discipline, sportsmanship, moral values and dress code.
- Respect team official instructions & maintaining a high standard of discipline at all times.
- Understand & take responsibility for their selected role, without additional expectations.
- Support their team members, creating a positive team spirit.
- Dress in the appropriate manner for practice or matches at all times. (TBA)
- Study and get to know the cricket bye-laws requirements.
- Look after their own kit, the association bears no responsibility for damaged or lost items.
- Attend all practice sessions as arranged by team management.

TEAM SELECTION.

Fourteen to Sixteen players per Team that has been selected around the following structure: -

- Batsman
- All-rounders
- Wicketkeeper
- Spinners
- Seamers

Players have been selected to fulfil a certain role within each team, this should be accepted, together with the associated responsibilities. Parents are sincerely requested to support their child’s role, together with the roles of other team members.

DRESS CODE

The Alberton Cricket club shall issue each selected player with cricket clothing that must be purchased and this must be worn in the appropriate manner at all times. The management shall be tough on poor dress code and how each player handles their cricket bags and equipment. Player cricket bags to be always set in an orderly manner.

PRACTICE SESSIONS

All players are required to attend all practice sessions and workshops, as arranged by Team management.

DISCIPLINARY CODE

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Particular reference is made to the Preamble of the Laws of Cricket 2000 Code. The disciplinary code of Alberton Cricket Club is enforce, together with the following:-

1. Persons must not assault, attempt to assault, or threaten to assault a spectator, another player or umpire.
2. Players / Members must not abuse or dispute, as distinct from question, an umpire's decision, or act in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner either towards an umpire, his decision or generally following an umpiring decision.
3. Players must only wear and use approved clothing and equipment. The wearing or display of unauthorized commercial logo is not permitted.
4. Players must not use crude/abusive language. An umpire would be expected to caution the player and advise the captain of his concern before reporting any player for this type of behaviour.
5. **Player must not indulge in conduct detrimental to the game.**
6. **Players must in no way use crude or abusive hand signals.**
7. Persons must not engage in public acts of misconduct, or unruly public behaviour.
8. Any person by way of his actions or statements brings the game of cricket into disrepute shall be guilty of misconduct.
9. **No player will be allowed to smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs, both on and off the field.**
10. No player is allowed to leave the practise, field location unless authorised by the team manager, and this must be done under parental guidance.
11. Littering is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
12. **There will be no abuse of kit, clothing, and playing facilities.**

The Team

13. Comply with the respective cricket by-laws & disciplinary code of conduct.
14. Team management shall ensure they know when, where and time their team is playing, this includes obtaining directions to the various venues. Team management must ensure players and parents are aware of venue location.
15. Players & Team Officials shall be required to be present at least **60 minutes** prior to the start of any home match for a proper warm up.
16. **Players are required to bring an additional energy drinks.**
17. All players shall welcome the opposition. Once the captains conducted the tossed, all ACC players shall gather together with the team coaches, awaiting the outcome of the toss. Captains shall refrain from shouting out the result from the middle.
18. ACC fielders shall take the field in an orderly manner and clap the opposition's batsman on and off the field.
19. **ACC batsman shall greet the Umpire when taking guard.**
20. **Player achievement should be acknowledged, opposition players included.**
21. Players are required to display a high code of manners, tipping their cap to greet the opposition and any adult, team official or visitor is **mandatory**.
22. The team shall be professional in the way they play the game and all players must behave in an orderly manner on and off the field of play, each player supporting their co – players in all circumstances. Players are expected to play competitively on the field, but within the bounds of human dignity.

23. ACC Junior players will be required to sit with Team in allocated area, before and during match, players wondering around during match will not be tolerated, parents may bring players drinks after a player has batted or match has completed, parents are requested to not sit with team before and during match, this will allow the Team to become unified.

Team Management

24. **The Team manager is responsible for the team**
25. **Ensuring comprehensive and detailed communication with all players.**
26. Team management are responsible for the team discipline, code of conduct on and off the field.
27. Team management should ensure a “positive vibe” is created within the team and its activities, we request positive parental support for the team. Negativity by any coach, manager, coordinator, player or parent will not be tolerated.
28. Coaches and managers must clearly communicate player role and responsibilities within each team. Players must play for the team within these roles and not their own agenda.
29. Team management shall be consistent and fair with team selections, with the aim of developing a correctly structured team, giving all players the opportunity to perform against their selected role.
30. Applauding of good cricket is encouraged; however applauding of poor cricket by any ACC representative will not be tolerated, nor at the expense of human dignity of the opposing team or its supporters.
31. Team officials may not partake of any alcoholic beverage during any given practise session or during any match. This should be reserved for post-match socials in a controlled manner
32. Team manager shall maintain a practise and match attendance logbook. Continued player absenteeism should be reported.

Parental Support

33. Parents are requested to keep in contact with their respective team manager, when in doubt call.
34. The onus is on the player and parent to inform the team manager of any medication that the player is taking and ensure that it is kept with the player at all times.
35. Parental and spectator support is sincerely appreciated and needed, they should consider themselves to be representatives of ACC when supporting any fixture or practise, conducting themselves in an appropriate manner as they are subject to the regulations set by ACC from time to time.
36. Parents, supporters and spectators are requested to position themselves well clear of the boundary lines and may not walk onto the field before or during any match and must refrain from standing or sitting behind wickets at either end. I.e. in front of side screens.
37. Parents, supporters and spectators must ensure controlled consumption of any alcoholic beverage and ensure appropriate behaviour by all adults.
38. Should any person become unruly at any match irrespective of circumstance, it must be reported to the ACC executive who may call for the ban of such offender from any future matches. Let's have fun, support our teams proudly and ensure there is no bitter taste left after any practise or match. We all want to see our players do well.
39. No shouting at any player from the side lines will be tolerated and we mean “NO Shouting from any one”. The players do not need this added pressure from parents or spectators
40. **Parents are request to refrain from interfering with team management and selection etc.**
41. Negative comments directed at team management, players, opposition shall not be tolerated.
42. Parents should direct any concerns with the Team Manager in a positive manner, prior to calling the ACC Executive.
43. Should any parent have a major concern, it should be placed in writing and directed to the ACC Executive for resolution.

ACC Cricket Coaches

The Coach shall be responsible for:-

- 44.** Attending all practice and fixtures
- 45.** Preparing and ensuring proper practice sessions are held.
- 46.** Ensuring each player receives proper and sufficient practice and coaching.
- 47.** Ensuring proper player warm up prior to any practice or match.
- 48.** Ensuring player roles and responsibilities are explained to each player
- 49.** Ensuring positive encouragement of all players, irrespective of performance or match result
- 50.** Ensuring each match is played in the “true spirit of the game” – no exceptions.
- 51.** Ensuring proper cricket
- 52.** Ensuring the game is played according to the Easterns Cricket By-Laws
- 53.** Ensuring that no player sits out more than two consecutive matches, unless due to unavailability, injury or non-attendance to practise sessions. (No practice, No play), unless prior approval granted.
- 54.** Ensuring the proper coaching and explanation of the bye-laws, including the general rules of the game of cricket.
- 55.** Player behaviour on the field of play, ensuring the game is played in the correct spirit, eliminating excessive talking, abusive language and or player misconduct.
- 56.** Ensuring a high standard of dress code at all times.
- 57.** Ensure open communication
- 58.** Manager and Coach to agree on all decision making and assist one another where required and or necessary.
- 59.** All team, player and or parent concerns must be directed to the ACC Executive in conjunction with team manager in a proper and professional manner, without exception.
- 60.** Team administration as directed.
- 61.** Co-ordinate lunches, refreshments on and off the field.
- 62.** Creating a “*positive vibe*” in the team.
- 63.** Liaison with parents on all activities and upcoming practice and fixtures as directed by team manager.
- 64.** Ensuring that all facilities are left clean and tidy after games.
- 65.** Controlling and maintenance of Team kit bag, Stumps and First aid bag.
- 66.** Injury control, ensuring all indemnity forms & medical details are completed and available at all times.