



ONSLOW CRICKET CLUB

Code of Conduct

1. Purpose & Scope

All players, captains, coaches, managers, umpires, supporters and anyone connected with OCC cricket (on-field or off-field, including online) must follow this Code. By taking the field you agree to abide by it.

2. Core Values

- **Fun & Fair Play** – the game is played for enjoyment and in the spirit of cricket.
 - **Respect** – for opponents, teammates, officials, umpires, club staff and spectators.
 - **Integrity** – no cheating, intimidation, or abuse of equipment.
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3. Expected Behaviour (on the field)

<u>Area</u>	<u>What's Required</u>
General Conduct	Arrive on time, be ready to play, keep a fast over-rate, thank umpires and opponents after the match.
Batting	Walk if a fielder claims a catch.
Fielding	Stay quiet while the batter is facing the bowler.
Communication	Any complaint must be made respectfully through the captain or coach.
Umpires	Accept umpire decisions. If an umpire appears uninformed, discuss the issue only through the captain/coach in a calm, respectful manner – no arguing, gesturing or harassment.
Appeals	Appeal only when you honestly believe the batter is out; no frivolous or intimidating appeals.
Equipment	Do not abuse bats, balls, or other gear.
Noise & Distraction	No purposeful shouting, clapping, or other distractions aimed at the opposition.
Violence & Abuse	No physical or verbal abuse, no offensive language, no racial or any other vilification.

<u>Area</u>	<u>What's Required</u>
Substances	No alcohol or illegal substances during a match or practice.
Online Conduct	Same standards apply to social-media posts or any digital commentary about the game, participants, or OCC.

4. Roles & Responsibilities

- **Captains** – Ensure their team plays within the Spirit and Laws of the Game. Take immediate action on any breach reported by an umpire.
 - **Coaches/Managers** – Reinforce the Code with players and report repeated issues.
 - **Umpires** – Judge fair/unfair play, intervene on time-wasting, pitch damage, intimidation, ball tampering, or any unfair act. They may report misconduct to the captain and note it on the match report.
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5. Reporting & Discipline

1. **Serious Breach** – the player/coach may be suspended pending a disciplinary hearing.
2. **Minor Breach** – Consistent breach of expected behaviour. Accumulating **three** notes in a season triggers a review by the OCC Disciplinary Committee, which may impose warnings, suspension, or bans.

All reports are handled by the OCC Disciplinary Committee, whose decisions are final.

6. Consequences

Misconduct (e.g., offensive language, racial vilification, disrespect to umpires, equipment abuse, violence, intoxication, repeated minor breaches) can result in:

- Formal warning
 - Temporary suspension from matches or club activities
 - Permanent exclusion from OCC cricket
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7. Commitment

By participating in OCC cricket you commit to upholding respect, integrity, and sportsmanship—both on the field and in all club-related settings.

End of Code of Conduct