

Wahroonga Softball Club - Code of Conduct



All of our players have a right to participate in a safe and supportive environment. The following code of conduct applies to all members of our club.

Players

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your friends, family or coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

Parents and Spectators

- Remember that players participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- Focus on players' level of ability rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules and to accept final decisions made by Umpires and team officials.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake.
- Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by participants in all teams.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches and Managers

- Remember that players participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities. Club games are for the development and enjoyment of all the players.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion