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Players Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules and in the spirit of the game;
- Never disrespect or argue with an umpire, either with words or gesture;
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse or offensive gestures towards officials, sledging other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviors in cricket;
- Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates. 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. Encourage and support your own team members;
- Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor;
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition;
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, teachers or coaches;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender identity, ability, appearance, cultural background, or religion.

Parents Code of Conduct

- Encourage your child to always participate according to the rules and spirit of the game.
- Encourage your child to participate if they are interested and remember children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment.
- Remind your child that participation in a team sport involves support and encouragement of the team members with the benefit of developing lasting friendships.
- Teach your children good sportsmanship by example, applaud good play by team members and opponents alike and congratulate all parties.
- Don't badger, harass or use sarcasm to motivate your child or compare your child's performance with those of other children.
- Let the coach do the coaching, and recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches who deserve your support.
- Treat your child the same irrespective of their individual performance.
- Demonstrate appropriate behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.



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Coaches Code of Conduct

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun;
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first;
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm;
- Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same;
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience;
- Avoid overplaying the talented players - all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities;
- Ensure that equipment and facilities are suitable, safe to use, and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players;
- Display control and respect to all those involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same;
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition;
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people;
- 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.

Umpires Code of Conduct

- In accordance with Cricket Australia guidelines, modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people;
- Compliment and encourage all participants;
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all participants;
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors;
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable;
- Be a good sport yourself - actions speak louder than words;
- Keep up-to-date with the latest available resources for umpiring and the principles of growth and development of young people;



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- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive;
- Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else;
- Give all people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

If you believe a Member of the Club – player, parent, coach, or umpire – is not meeting these expectations, please report this to:

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Offences

Gold Coast Junior Cricket has a Code of Behaviour and relevant penalties for breaches of this Code. These offences generally pertain to match related behaviour where a formal complaint has been made. Runaway Bay Cricket Club has expectations for conduct outside of this Code. This may include (but is not limited to) on-field or off-field conduct that has not been already formally reported by another Club or umpire, conduct on the sidelines at games, conduct at training, conduct on Club related social media, or conduct when present at the Club in any capacity or at Club related functions that may be off-site.

Each of the rules set out below have a guideline. The guidelines are illustrative only and are not an exhaustive list.

Note that when referring to umpires, this includes volunteer umpires, as well as official umpires.

Players, parents, coaches, umpires, Club members, and spectators must not:

Level 1 Offences		
1.1	Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings	Includes actions such as hitting or kicking that may result in damage to advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, walls, windows and other fixtures and fittings.
1.2	Show dissent towards an umpire, coach, team captain, player, spectator, parent, club volunteer, or employee.	Includes showing dissent at a decision by way of showing inappropriate or excessive disappointment; showing dissent towards a batting order decision, refusing to bat, bowl, or field where asked; sledging other players or teammates; refusing to fill-in as a fielder for opposition if asked by coach/captain.
1.3	Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture	This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune. This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.
Any repeat of the same Level 1 Offence within 12 months of such offence will for the purposes of penalty only be regarded as a Level 2 Offence.		
Level 2 Offences		
2.1	Show serious dissent towards an umpire, coach, team captain, player, spectator, parent, club volunteer, or employee.	Dissent will be classified as serious where the conduct contains an element of anger or abuse that is directed at the umpire, coach, team captain, player, spectator, parent, club volunteer, or employee.
2.2	Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with an umpire, coach,	Without limitation, persons will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk



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	team captain, player, spectator, parent, club volunteer, or employee.	or run into or shoulder another person either during the course of play of a Match or during the periods before or after play at the relevant venue.
2.3	Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a generally insulting nature to another person.	This is language or gestures which are directed at another person or persons. To be considered are the context of the particular situation and whether the words or gesture: - are said with intent to offend; - are regarded as obscene; - cause offence. This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be considered when assessing the seriousness of the breach.
Any repeat of the same Level 2 Offence within 12 months of such offence will for the purposes of penalty only be regarded as a Level 3 Offence		
Level 3 Offences		
3.1	Threaten to assault a coach, team captain, player, spectator, parent, club volunteer, or employee.	Self-explanatory
3.2	Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality or national or ethnic origin.	Self-explanatory
Any repeat of the same Level 3 Offence within 12 months of such offence will for the purposes of penalty only be regarded as a Level 4 Offence.		
Level 4 Offences		
4.1	Threaten to or physically assault an umpire.	Self-explanatory
4.2	Physically assault a coach, team captain, player, spectator, parent, club volunteer, or employee.	Self-explanatory



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Level 1	Official reprimand and/or ban of up to 1 multi-day Match and/or 2 one-day Matches
Level 2	Ban of between a minimum of 2 weeks and a maximum of 6 weeks.
Level 3	Ban of between a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 10 weeks.
Level 4	Ban of a minimum of 10 weeks up to a life ban.

When imposing any penalty upon a person who has breached this Code of Conduct, the Committee may take into account any circumstance it considers relevant, including the following:

- (a) The seriousness of the breach;
- (b) The harm caused by the breach to the interests of the Club and cricket;
- (c) The person's seniority and standing in the Club;
- (d) Remorse shown by the person and the prospect of further breaches;
- (e) The prior record of the person in abiding by this Code, and any similar code of behaviour.