

## **Parents / Spectators: Code of Behaviour**

**This Code of Behaviour aims to set out the minimum standards for anyone involved within the CATS Cricket Club. It will apply when playing, training or taking part in club-sanctioned activities.**

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket.
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Encourage children to play by the rules at all times.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants.
- Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions. Teach children to do likewise. If you disagree with an umpire or coach, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, children could not participate.
- Do not undermine the efforts of coaches.
- Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach children to do likewise.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.
- Encourage junior players to participate in the sport of cricket in a safe manner.
- Help out the coach or officials at training and games, where possible.
- Parent/Guardians are welcome & encouraged to attend training sessions and matches for their duration.

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Ratified at the Committee Meeting held on 24th August 2022  
at the CATS CC Club Rooms - CATS Drive, Traralgon South.