

# Eastern Dragons Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy

By entering our club's policies, you agree to abide, be financial, and represent the club in an acceptable way.

## **Players Code of Behaviour**

Players have a responsibility to uphold the integrity of the game whilst they are training, competing on the playing field or representing their club away from the field of play. Please refer to the players code of behaviour below:

- Play by the rules;
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire in an appropriate manner during a break or after the game;
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting, or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours 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;
- 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, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition;
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit;



• Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

## **Spectators**

Be on your best behaviour. Do not use profane language or harass players, coaches, or officials. Applaud good plays by your team and the visiting team. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no match. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition. Condemn the use of violence in all forms. Respect the officials' decisions. Encourage players to always play according to the rules. Remember children play organized sport for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you and they are NOT miniature pro-athletes.

#### Insurance

Eastern Dragons Cricket Club players are covered by Cricket Australia's Australian Cricket National Club Risk Protection Program (http://www.jltsport.com.au/cricketaustralia/). Coverage is for players on official match days and training sessions by club appointed coaches only.

# **Privacy Policy**

Personal player information will only be used in the club newsletter, score & performance notification to the local media and to the VCV for representation purposes.

# **Social Media Policy**

The Eastern Dragons Cricket Club recognises that social media is an important part of the way its members communicate. The EDCC actively encourages members to participate in social media and share their experiences in cricket. The EDCC also recognises the importance of the internet to improve and increase the flow of information shaping public thinking about cricket, our members and sponsors.

Accordingly, the EDCC will look to continue to develop and maintain its own online social media presence through which it hopes to deliver content to its members and the public to develop and increase opportunities in cricket at all levels across the



association. However, the EDCC's public reputation is valuable and so are the reputations of our clubs' members and sponsors. Therefore, the EDCC prohibits any communication on social media that is defamatory and obscene towards other players, umpires and sponsors, and/or misrepresentative of EDCC.

## **Photo/Image Policy**

By agreeing to the EDCC social media Policy I give authorisation for my photo / image to be used in any EDCC printed or online publications for the purpose of promoting or highlighting the club.

#### Positive social media

We encourage positive posts from all its members of game day progress, photos of participation, social experiences and congratulatory messages.

EDCC will post upcoming events, updates to training times and other important news worthy items.

#### **Prohibitions**

- Abuse others or expose others to content that is offensive or inappropriate to members of other clubs or the VCV
- Abuse, harass or threaten the VCV, umpires, or individual members of any VCV, any other club or other persons
- Make defamatory or libelous comments Use obscene, offensive, insulting, provocative or hateful language
- Intrude upon the privacy of other members of the EDCC without the consent of such members
- Comment in a way that may be construed as harming the reputation of him or herself, another member of EDCC or the VCV, including its board, umpires and sponsors.



## Consequences

Minor transgressions of the Player Code of Behaviour or the social media Policy by any members of EDCC or friends on a EDCC page or site will be given a warning and asked to prepare an explanation to why they should continue to be a member of the site.

The EDCC Committee Executive shall make a determination based on this reply.

Subsequent or major transgressions would see the person or persons brought before the EDCC Committee Executive for bringing the game and/or the EDCC into disrepute, and following this, may be subject to bans or suspensions.

EDCC have based this policy on the CV Player Code of Behaviour and Social Media policies which can be viewed here on the CV website.

## **Complaints**

To file a complaint, please speak with the President or a member of the Executive Committee. If they are unable to resolve your concern, please submit your complaint in writing to the full Committee and forward to the club email address.

Please keep in mind that we expect complaints to be constructive and aimed at helping our Club grow and develop for the benefit of all members.