

PORT STEPHENS CRICKET CLUB Inc.



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Player Code of Conduct

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This document details *Player and Official Standards* that apply to all playing and officiating members – junior and senior. While all playing members and officials must adhere to these standards, the Player and Official Standards detailed within should be read in conjunction with the Member Code of Conduct, as both codes apply to playing members and officials.

These standards are guidelines only and a Disciplinary Committee of Port Stephens Cricket Club reserves the right to charge a member or official under the constitution of the association for conduct they believe contravenes the spirit of these guidelines whether it is explicitly covered in the Member/Player Codes of Conduct or not.

The Preamble – The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

1. There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Player's conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
 - b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

6. Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

7. Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

Player/ Official Standards – Rules and Guidelines

As a playing member or official of Port Stephens Cricket Club you must adhere to the following *Player/Official Standards*. Each *Rule* below has a *Guideline*. The guidelines are intended as an illustrative guide only. If there is doubt as to the interpretation of any rule, the provisions of the rule itself shall take precedence over the provisions of the guidelines. Rule interpretations are ultimately decided by the Disciplinary Committee.

Rule	Guideline
Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.	Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket play such as deliberately hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to advertising boards, boundary markers or any part of, or contents of, any building or structure at the ground.
Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate or threaten. Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of obscene gestures of a seriously insulting nature to another player, official or spectator.	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. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.
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 or national or ethnic origin.	This includes mimicking another player with the intention to insult, belittle, denigrate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify them on the basis of that person's race religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.
Point or gesture towards the pavilion, or behave aggressively or derisively towards either batsman, upon the dismissal of a batsman.	Includes charging or running towards any batsman and getting "in their face".
Threaten to assault another player, umpire, team official or spectator. Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players, umpires or officials in the course of play.	Without limitation, players will breach this rule if they deliberately walk or run into, or shoulder another player, official or match official.
Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.	Players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures while a bowler is running in, or deliberately shepherd a batsman while running or attempting to run between wickets.

Rule	Guideline
Show excessive dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with any umpires' decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket. <i>This rule does not prohibit a bowler or team Captain involved in the decision from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision. Further, it does not prohibit the Captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in the Captains' Report.</i>
Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching cap from the umpire, pointing at pad or bat, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket. <i>This rule does not prohibit a bowler or team Captain involved in the decision from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision. Further, it does not prohibit the Captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in the Captains' Report.</i>
Engage in excessive appealing.	Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batsman is not out, with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. <i>This rule is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, the practice of celebrating or assuming a dismissal before an umpires' decision may also come within this rule.</i>
Intimidate an umpire whether by language or conduct. Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.	<i>This rule is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, a player should not aggressively approach an umpire on appeal.</i>

**Players must obey the laws of cricket, the M&DCA playing conditions and play within the 'spirit of the game'.
The Captain and Coach must use their best efforts to ensure that team members comply with this rule and all above.**

Racial and Religious Vilification Code

No person who is participating in a match under the jurisdiction or auspices of the NSW Cricket Association or its affiliates shall engage in any conduct, act towards or speak to any other person in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates or vilifies such person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or ethnic origin.

The captain of a team shall ensure that the players (including the person acting as 12th man) comply with the Racial and Religious Vilification Code.

Penalties

In the event the Disciplinary Committee decides that any person is guilty of breaching any of the rules of this Player Code of Conduct, they will normally apply a penalty within the normal range of penalties for each level of offence set out in the table below. However, the Disciplinary Committee may also apply any or all of the penalties set out in this section where circumstances require a greater penalty due to:

- The player having been found guilty of a previous offence or offences (whether in this or other competitions) or,
- Where the offence is particularly serious.

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

- The seriousness of the breach;
- The harm caused by the breach;
- The person's seniority and standing in the game;
- Remorse shown by the person and the prospect of further breaches;
- The person's prior record; and/or
- The impact of the penalty on the person.

The penalty range below is a guideline only and the Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion, impose different penalty outcomes and ranges.

Level of Offence	Penalty Range
1	Official reprimand and/or a ban of 1 match
2	Ban of up to 3 matches
3	Ban of up to 5 matches
4	Ban of 10 matches or a life ban

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Member Code of Conduct

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This document details *General Standards* that apply to all members regardless of whether the member is a player, official or other member.

The Player Code of Conduct details standards that are more specific to players and officials. Any player at Port Stephens Cricket Club must therefore meet both the Member Code of Conduct and Player Code of Conduct standards

These standards are guidelines only and a Disciplinary Committee of Port Stephens Cricket Club reserves the right to charge a member or official under the constitution of the association for conduct they believe contravenes the spirit of these guidelines whether it is explicitly covered in the Member Code of Conduct or not.

No player or official shall be considered for match suspensions under this code of conduct unless any indiscretions occurred whilst participating in a match, or attending a match as a spectator.

General Standards

These are the minimum standards required of all members of the Port Stephens Cricket Club:

1. Unsportsmanlike behaviour is not acceptable.
2. The use of verbal or physical abuse is not acceptable.
3. Members will refrain from any form of harassment including:
 - a. Harassment of any person with a disability
 - b. Sexual harassment
 - c. Racial harassment or vilification.
4. Any member that causes the club to be fined as a result of their behaviour shall be required to compensate the club for the amount of the fine.
5. No member, while representing the club as a player or acting in the official capacity of scorer or umpire shall drink alcohol prior to or during the course of a match.
6. Members are expected to take pride in our facilities and respect the furniture and fittings. Prior to leaving the facilities, members must ensure the area they (or their guest/s) have used is clean and tidy.
7. Members are responsible for the behaviour of any visitor/s they introduce to the club.
8. Members are expected to both conduct themselves in an acceptable manner and display responsible behaviour.
9. Members are expected to make umpires, opposition players and officials feel welcome when they are our guests at the end of a day's play.
10. Members are expected to respect umpires, opposition players and officials.
11. Members are expected to respect our club officials and other members.
12. Members are expected to play a part in the operation of the club.
13. When in charge of a motor vehicle, members are expected to drive in a sensible and safe manner, especially in the presence of pedestrian traffic.
14. Senior playing members are expected to assist in developing junior players.
15. Current members are expected to welcome new members and include new members in their activities.
16. Members are expected to use all social media related to the club in an appropriate manner at all times as not to cause damage to the image of the club, taking into consideration the audience of that forum.

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Criteria for Performance Based Awards and Annual Trophies

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This policy outlines the criteria set to be eligible for nomination for an annual trophy or other performance based awards at the Presentation of Awards of the Port Stephens Cricket Club Incorporated.

These awards exist to recognise the achievements of individuals of the Port Stephens Cricket Club Inc. who attain certain levels of success primarily on the field.

This policy also seeks to create a progressive scale of awards so that large and small contributions can be recognised appropriately.

The hierarchy of awards is as follows:-

- George Moxey Shield - Cricketer of the Year Award
- Dave Kedwell Perpetual - Clubman of the Year Award
- David 'Yobbo' Robertson Award for A Grade Players Player
- Ray Harding Award for C Grade Players Player
- Player of the Finals
- Individual Batting or Bowling aggregate and average awards
- Captain's Award

Other Association sponsored Awards exist and are subject to separate criteria. These awards may be used to recognise the achievements of individuals not otherwise covered by this policy.

ELIGIBILITY

All players must participate in a minimum of one quarter of the total amount of matches of the regular season of the grade in which the award is being considered.

E.g. *The regular season for A grade consisted of 16 matches, for a player to be eligible for any of the individual awards for that grade or the Players Player award, then the participant must have completed 4 matches.*

Other criteria may exist for certain awards and as such will be set out in this policy under each section for that award.

GEORGE MOXEY SHIELD – CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

The Cricketer of the Year award was named after Life Member George Moxey upon his passing in the 2004/05 season. The award follows a complex set of criteria measuring batting, bowling, fielding and wicket keeping performance. The first use of this system was in the 2003/04 season, derived by the club statistician George himself.

Batting

- 1 Point per run scored in an innings
- 3 Points per Not Out innings
- 25 Points Bonus for Half Century scored
- 50 Points Bonus for Century scored

Bowling

- 2 Points per maiden over
- 10 Points per Wicket up to and including 5 in an innings
- 20 Points per Wicket in excess of 5 in an innings
- 25 Points Bonus for 5 Wicket Haul
- 50 Points Bonus for 7 Wicket Haul

Fielding

- 20 Points per Catch by fielder
- 20 Points per Caught and Bowled
- 20 Points per Assisted Run Out
- 25 Points per Direct Hit Run Out
- 25 Points Bonus for 5 or more Dismissals (catches and/or run outs)

Wicket Keeping

- 5 Points per Catch by Wicket Keeper
- 5 Points per Assisted Run Out
- 10 Points per Stumping
- 15 Points per Bye Free innings
- 25 Points per Direct Hit Run Out
- 25 Points Bonus for 5 or more Dismissals (catches and/or stumpings only).

A calculator is provided on the Port Stephens Cricket Club Inc. website to assist in calculating points for the Cricketer of the Year award.

Higher grades do **NOT** attract higher points.

Hunter Valley Cup matches **ARE** considered in calculation of the award.

Finals matches are **NOT** considered in the calculation of the award.

DAVE KEDWELL PERPETUAL CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Clubman of the year award recognises the individual or individuals whom display the utmost dedication to the club throughout the season. This award is historically an off field achievement and does not take into consideration playing performances throughout the year.

Committee members may receive this award however, they are not to be considered for the award for completing the duties of the role that they undertook for the season unless the performance of the individual was above and beyond that which is set out in the constitution.

There are no minimum standards for the award of clubman.

The executive committee will nominate a candidate to be presented to the Life Members for consideration of the award. The nomination must be accompanied with an outline of the nominee's achievements throughout the season to be considered.

The Clubman of the Year award was renamed to the Dave Kedwell Perpetual Award upon his passing in 2013. Dave Kedwell was the inaugural recipient of Life Membership of the Port Stephens Cricket Club Inc.

DAVID 'YOBBO' ROBERTSON AWARD FOR A GRADE PLAYERS' PLAYER

The inaugural A Grade Players Player award was presented at the completion of the 2003/04 season in honour of David 'Yobbo' Robertson who had passed away during the season.

David was a model team player and an advocate for the spirit of cricket and as such the award for Players' Player was to be considered by a 3, 2, 1 voting system between the players for who they deemed played the season with the most dedication to the team and to the values of the game itself. Performances should not be considered by each player, unless the performance itself presented determination and grit for which the award is designed to acknowledge.

The award is to be determined by a 3, 2, 1, voting system of each A Grade player who completed more than one quarter of that season's matches.

The vote is to be collected by an impartial party and the result presented to the executive committee.

RAY HARDING AWARD FOR C GRADE PLAYERS' PLAYER

The award for the C Grade players' player follows the same principles for the A Grade players' player award for the C Grade participants.

The award was named after Life Member Ray Harding to acknowledge his dedication to the Club and that of the C grade team for most of the Club's History. Ray was a founding member of the club along with Dave Kedwell.

PRESIDENT'S PLAYER OF THE FINALS AWARD

The Player of the Finals award is to recognise the achievement of the individuals during high pressure matches.

The award is to be determined by the President and acknowledge the performance of players who contribute to the continuation of their team through the finals series and/or the best performance in the Grand Final for their grade.

If the President deems there is no performance worthy of acknowledgement for the award then they reserve the right to withdraw that award from the annual presentation of awards.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING OR BOWLING AGGREGATE AND AVERAGE AWARDS

The awards for the highest aggregate and average for both batting and bowling are to be presented for each grade that competes throughout the season.

All matches for that particular grade are to be considered in the calculation of the award.

Finals matches **ARE** considered for calculations.

In addition to meeting the eligibility criteria of one quarter of total matches for that grade, each player must meet the following criteria to be considered for individual awards.

Batting Awards

The minimum amount of innings a participant must complete are to be equal to a minimum of one quarter of the total matches of the regular season for that grade.

i.e. If there are 23 matches played for the season, with 3 matches being finals games then, the minimum amount of innings must be 5 to be eligible for consideration.

Each Batsman must score a minimum aggregate to be considered for an award.

- 200 runs minimum in A Grade
- 150 runs minimum in all other grades

If there are no participants who qualify for an award based on the criteria above then it is up to the discretion of the executive committee as to whether an award is to be presented to the individual with the highest aggregate or average.

Bowling Awards

In addition to meeting the minimum criteria for matches played, a bowler must bowl a minimum of 25 Overs to be considered for a bowling award in all grades.

Each Bowler must achieve a minimum aggregate to be considered for an award.

- 15 Wickets minimum in A Grade
- 10 Wickets minimum in all other grades

If there are no participants who qualify for an award based on the criteria above then it is up to the discretion of the executive committee as to whether an award is to be presented to the individual with the highest aggregate or average.

CAPTAIN'S AWARD

A captain's award is to be presented to the player who shows the most improvement throughout the season in the grade which the award is being presented.

There are to be Captain's Awards presented for each grade that competes throughout the season.

The Captain is to provide a nominee to the executive committee along with the reasons for why the award is being presented. The executive committee will then approve the captain's request to present the award.

The executive committee reserves the right to deny the captain's award if they feel the reasons do not meet the intention of the award or if there are other eligible commendable recipients.

OTHER AWARDS

At the discretion of the executive committee, there presentation of other awards may occur, this may include but not limited to; Fielding awards, Wicket Keeping Awards, Highest Individual Score, Best Bowling in a match, Batting and or Bowling Strike Rates, Century Awards, Hat Trick award, 7 Wickets or More etc

This policy is to be used to determine the recipients of each award and is not subject to interpretation. The executive committee is the authority for the approval of each award.