



CRICKET
AUSTRALIA



Coaches Code of Behaviour

The environment created by a **coach** is integral to the overall experience of all players involved. Below are some foundational expectations of coaches within the community. They are by no means exhaustive, but provide a great starting point:

- Players participate to enjoy themselves; winning is only one of many elements that cricketers report as contributing to fun. Others include being respected, having opportunities, developing friendships, improving skills, and feeling a part of a team.
- Always maintain emotional control. There is no room for ridicule, raising your voice or making demands about producing a better effort. The focus is on the player's enjoyment. Catch them doing things right and offer praise in preference to always focusing on things going wrong.
- Ensure everything you do is about Long-Term Development. Cricket is a game that takes a while to learn so stay patient and help your players see themselves in the future.
- Give all the players an equal opportunity. Overplaying talented players to try and win is short sighted and creates a poor experience for many.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket. Display control and respect to those involved including opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents, and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- 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.
- Be aware of and follow the Codes of Conduct and/or Policies of your State or Territory Cricket Association