



OFFICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

Liability and indemnity agreement

- I/we recognize the possibility of physical injury associated with cricket and voluntarily accept and assume this risk as part of my/my child's playing and practicing cricket with the Somerset West cricket club.
- I/we hereby release, discharge, and otherwise indemnify Somerset West cricket club, their sponsors and its affiliated organizations, facilities, and the employees and or volunteers and associated personnel of these organizations, against any claim by or on my behalf, as a result of my/my child's participation in cricket activities organized and conducted by Somerset West cricket club.
- I/we also understand and accept that registration with Somerset West cricket club does not include any accident or medical insurance.

Code of conduct (players and supporters)

- No smoking is permitted inside the clubhouse.
- No consumption of alcohol will be allowed on club premises outside of the club house.
- No alcohol may be brought onto any of the SWCC facilities, alcohol has to be bought from the clubhouse.
- No alcohol may be consumed during matches and no players will be allowed to represent the club while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.
- Players will attend all matches in standard white cricket trousers, juniors may wear white shorts, wearing club shirts. Only SWCC caps or white hats or caps will be worn. Any clothing or headgear provided to players will remain the property of SWCC and must be returned to the club on request unless alternative arrangements are in place.
- Players will at all times be fully clothed, i.e wearing a shirt etc, during practice and on or off the field. No sunglasses may be worn while batting or bowling.
- No verbal abuse of members or non-members, opposition or umpires will be tolerated.
- No abuse of club equipment, furniture or cricket equipment will be tolerated. Full compensation for replacement or repairs will be required.
- Players will respect the committee members', captains' and umpires' decisions at all times.
- No incitement or provocation of other members, non-members, opposition, or umpires will be tolerated.

Disciplinary measures

- Players are bound by the code of conduct and disciplinary measures.
- Offending members will be summoned to a club disciplinary meeting.
- A Disciplinary committee will consist of 3 elected club officials.
- 1st Offenders sanctioned through by a fine must settle the fine before the member can resume playing for the club.
- Membership of 2nd offenders can be suspended by the club depending on the circumstances.



Code of Conduct for parents/ supporters at junior matches

- Understand that SWCC is not about “winning at all cost”, and to recognize the values instilled by your children’s participation and the opportunities it provides for social interaction, fun and competition.
- Remember that your child is involved in cricket of his/ her choice for THEIR enjoyment.
- Encourage your child to learn the rules/laws of cricket.
- Ensure that your child owns and wears the correct sporting gear to practices and matches.
- Teach your child the value of sportsmanship and fair play.
- Never ridicule or berate your child or someone in his team for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that young people learn by example. Applaud good play and reserve your judgement on poor play.
- Never publicly question a coach or umpire’s judgement or honesty.
- Never use offensive language, or threaten players, coaches, umpires or other spectators.
- Respect the role of the coach or match official and recognize their authority on the field.
- Respect the coach’s decision in making team selection decisions and understand that it is the coach’s right to select whom he/she believes to be the most appropriate team in the circumstances.
- Respect the opposition players and coaches.
- Recognise the value of our coaches. They give of their time and resources to coach or child.
- Play an active role in encouraging and supporting your child in his sporting choices.
- Be realistic in your expectations of your child’s ability and skills level, which will develop with encouragement and positive reinforcement.
- Communicate any concerns or issues through the correct channels, in the first instance to the team manager and thereafter to the SWCC executive.

Selection criteria for juniors

All team managers have undertaken to select their teams based on the guidelines below. Please hold them to these.

- Managers will consider paid up club members first. Lists of paid up members will be kept by the respective team managers.
- Player's attendance of practices will be considered next.
- Players who missed practice but did inform the manager will be selected next.
- Discipline issues will be considered next.
- Players in their 2 week introductory period will only then be selected. Introductory players are those players who have submitted membership application forms, but have not paid their subs yet.
- Emergency players will only then be considered. Emergency players are players who are contacted at the last minute to fill a vacant spot in a team, these players must complete a club membership form before they will be allowed to represent the club. Managers will have membership forms at both practices and matches.
- Introductory and emergency players must be used in such a way that is not detrimental to paid up club members.
- For tournaments, managers will select paid up members, but selection will be based on the player’s performance.