



## Eden Roskill District Cricket Club

# Code of Conduct

*Aligned with the Spirit of Cricket, New Zealand Cricket and Auckland Cricket*

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## 1. The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket 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 that abuses this Spirit causes injury to the game itself. All members of Eden Roskill District Cricket Club will recognise and play within both the Laws and the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with team captains, but extends to all players, match officials, and, especially in junior cricket, coaches and parents.

## 2. Auckland Cricket and New Zealand Cricket Expectations

All ERDCC members are required to abide by the Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket expectations laid down by New Zealand Cricket and Auckland Cricket, in addition to this policy. These expectations include:

- Following and participating according to the rules of the game, your club, and the Auckland Cricket competition you are taking part in.
- Playing hard and playing fair, avoiding being inappropriately competitive, and always controlling your temper.
- Displaying sportsmanship and teamwork, and treating all players as you would like to be treated.
- Acknowledging good performance by both teammates and the opposition.
- Never arguing with an umpire or official, and always accepting their decision. Do not disagree with an umpire or official in public during the game.
- Being courteous in communications with players, coaches, and administrators.
- Supporting all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from cricket, and avoiding derogatory language based on gender, race, or religion.
- No consumption of alcohol or illegal substances at any time during a match.

Coaches and managers are additionally expected to ensure matches and training are conducted within this Spirit of Cricket policy, to be familiar with the Laws of Cricket, and to abide by Auckland Cricket rules and playing conditions for the competition being played. In junior cricket, coaches and managers are expected to focus on effort, skill development, and enjoyment rather than the outcome of the game, and to give all players equal opportunity rather than overplaying the most talented.

## 3. Our Values

Everyone involved with ERDCC, whether as a player, coach, parent, volunteer, or spectator, is expected to uphold the following values.

### Community

We welcome and support everyone regardless of race, gender, ability, or background.

### Respect

We treat players, coaches, umpires, opponents, and spectators with courtesy at all times.

### Fairness

We compete hard but fairly, and accept decisions with good grace.

### Development

We support the growth of every player and volunteer, at every level of the Club.



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### **4. Code of Conduct, Players**

Members bound by this Code of Conduct shall not engage in disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour, including but not restricted to:

- Assaulting or attempting to assault, or abusing either orally or physically, an umpire, player, or spectator.
- Using racist, sexist, demeaning, disparaging, or threatening language towards an umpire, player, or spectator.
- Using crude or abusive language, hand signals, or other gestures towards an umpire, player, or spectator.
- Disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire's decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative manner towards an umpire or an umpire's decision.
- Engaging in any conduct or behaviour detrimental to the Spirit of Cricket, or likely to bring the game or ERDCC into disrepute.

All team captains are responsible for requiring players in their team to conduct themselves within the Spirit of Cricket, the Laws of Cricket, and this Code of Conduct at all times, and must be proactive in defusing any potential breaches. Matters relating to on field conduct, team discipline, or selection consequences are the responsibility of the Director of Cricket, in conjunction with the relevant team coach and captain.

### **5. Code of Conduct, Coaches and Parents**

Coaches and parents play a key role in shaping player behaviour and experience. Coaches and parents are expected to:

- Act as a positive role model at all training sessions, games, and Club events.
- Encourage effort, fair play, and enjoyment ahead of results, particularly at junior level.
- Support selection and coaching decisions, and raise any cricket related concerns through the team coach or the Director of Cricket rather than directly with players.
- Never engage in abusive, threatening, or intimidating behaviour towards players, coaches, umpires, or other parents.
- Respect the role of volunteers and staff, who give their time freely for the benefit of the Club.

### **6. Code of Conduct, Spectators**

Spectators are expected to support all players and teams positively, respect the decisions of umpires and officials, and refrain from any abusive, threatening, or discriminatory language or behaviour towards players, coaches, umpires, or other spectators.

### **7. Code of Conduct, Administrators and Volunteers**

Administrators and volunteers are expected to act with integrity and fairness in all Club business, to make decisions in the best interests of the Club rather than any individual, and to treat all members equally regardless of their role or standing within the Club.

### **8. Code of Conduct, Umpires and Scorers**

Umpires and scorers are expected to officiate and record fairly, consistently, and without bias, and are entitled to carry out their duties free from abuse, intimidation, or pressure from any player, coach, parent, or spectator.

### **9. Facilities and Club Property**

All ERDCC members are required to respect and care for Club facilities, including clubrooms, changing rooms, bathrooms, outdoor nets, pitches, fields, and Club furniture, fixtures, playing gear, practice gear, trophies, memorabilia, and displays. Members are responsible for welcoming and hosting visiting clubs, players, match officials, life members, and sponsors in the clubrooms. All facilities must be left in a clean and tidy condition after use.



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### 10. Alcohol and Illicit Substances

All members and their guests are required to abide by the ERDCC Sale and Consumption of Alcohol Policy at all times.

The safety and wellbeing of all ERDCC members and the wider community is a priority for the Club. ERDCC has zero tolerance for illicit drug possession and use by playing members, club affiliated persons, and members of the community during ERDCC activities or on ERDCC premises. Any activity or alleged activity in breach of this policy will be treated as a matter for review under this Code of Conduct and may result in disciplinary action.

Any concerns or questions about this policy should be referred to the Chairman.

### 11. Breaches and Judicial Process

Where ERDCC receives a Code of Conduct report, whether from Auckland Cricket, match officials, or any other person, the following process applies.

- The Chairman will contact and inform the member in question of the report and of ERDCC's process for managing it, and will provide a copy of the report and of this Code of Conduct.
- The member will be given the opportunity to provide a written response to the Judicial Committee.
- The Chairman will gather relevant information from the team captain, other members involved, club officials, and members present, as appropriate. Where the matter relates to on field conduct or selection, the Director of Cricket will also be consulted.
- The Judicial Committee will convene at the earliest possible time to consider the report, the member's response, and any other relevant information.
- The Judicial Committee will inform the member in writing of the outcome of the meeting and any actions to be undertaken, and will notify Auckland Cricket where required.
- A record of the date and location of the reported behaviour, the origin of the report, the member involved, the Committee's deliberations, and any resulting actions will be kept by the Chairman.

The ERDCC Judicial Committee will consist of the Club Chairman, the Club President, and one other Board member appointed for that matter. Where a report relates specifically to on field conduct or selection, the Director of Cricket will sit on the Committee in place of that other Board member, and will be excused from the Committee if the report concerns them directly.

The Judicial Committee may discipline a member with penalties ranging from a verbal or written caution through to suspension or cancellation of membership, depending on the severity of the breach and whether it is deemed to have brought cricket or ERDCC into disrepute.

Auckland Cricket, or the member concerned, may appeal a decision of the ERDCC Judicial Committee, which will then be referred to the independent Auckland Cricket Association Judicial Committee, at the discretion of the Auckland Cricket Chief Executive's determination, in accordance with Auckland Cricket Association bylaws.

### 12. Complaints

General complaints about conduct, facilities, or Club administration should be raised with the Chairman. Complaints relating specifically to selection, coaching, or on field matters should be raised with the Director of Cricket in the first instance, or with the Chairman where the complaint concerns the Director of Cricket directly.