



Code of Conduct

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Overview

Everyone who plays cricket in Scotland and is involved in the game has a responsibility to adhere to the Spirit of Cricket, which underpins all cricket activities and all that we do in connection with the game. The Spirit of Cricket runs throughout all behaviours expected of all participants and everyone involved in the game at all times.

Within our club, everything we do is underpinned by our values: **FUN** play with a smile and encourage others to have fun; **ENJOYMENT** place enjoyment for all above win-at-all-costs; **RESPECT** underpin everything with a deep rooted ethos of honesty, integrity and mutual respect.

We have fully adopted the Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct, which is available at the following link, and we ask that all players read this in full.

- <https://www.cricketscotland.com/about/code-of-conduct-and-policies/>

Key points are summarised below.

Spirit of Cricket

The definition of the Spirit of Cricket is defined by the ICC as follows:

"Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, umpires and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket. Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires. Play hard and play fair. Accept the umpire's decision.

Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct and encourage others to do likewise. Show self-discipline, even when things go against you. Congratulate the opposition on their successes and enjoy those of your own team. Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket."

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Cricket Scotland is committed to becoming the most diverse sport in Scotland. A key part to enabling that is an on-going commitment throughout cricket to be welcoming to all groups and sections within our society.

Cricket Scotland wants to ensure that no individual (this includes players, spectators, coaches, officials and administrators) receives less favourable treatment on the

grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation or socio-economic status.

For information on Cricket Scotland's approach to EDI see the following link:

- <https://www.cricketscotland.com/support-clubs/open-to-all/>

Code of Conduct Standards

The Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct explains the standards expected in cricket and how this Code operates, as follows:

- **Scope and application**

Everyone involved in cricket in Scotland is bound by and required to comply with all the provisions of the Code of Conduct. By participating in cricket, everyone involved shall be deemed to have agreed that it is their individual responsibility to ensure cricket in Scotland achieves the highest standards of behaviour and conduct between all involved in the game.

- **The Code**

Everyone involved in cricket must ensure that cricket is played and conducted in all respects in accordance with disciplined and sporting behaviour and acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely upon umpires, club officials, regional associations and Cricket Scotland, to maintain and uphold the Spirit of Cricket and that personal behaviour is central to ensuring that cricket, in Scotland, at all times observes the Spirit of Cricket and the highest standards of behaviour.

- Match-day specific offending, which includes:

Excessive appealing / Abuse of cricket equipment, clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings / Use of an audible obscenity / Disobeying an umpire's instruction / Using language, actions or gestures which disparage or provoke an aggressive reaction from others / Using a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting / Public criticism of or inappropriate comment in relation to any player, team, official of match official / Showing dissent at an umpire's decision / Throwing a ball (or any other item) at or near any person in an inappropriate or dangerous manner / Inappropriate physical contact with another person / Personal abuse of another person / Attempting to gain an unfair advantage during a game / Intimidation or threat of assault of another person / Physical assault or any act of violence towards another person / Conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game or brings the game into disrepute

- Anti-doping

Cricket Scotland believes in clean sport and works in partnership with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) and the International Cricket Council (ICC) to ensure that the integrity of our sport is protected. Cricket Scotland has in place a

set of anti-doping rules that all athletes and athlete support personnel must abide by. All involved in cricket in Scotland must observe and abide by those rules and not do anything to aide or abet any non-compliance with those rules.

- Anti-corruption

All cricket matches are to be contested on a level playing-field, with the outcome to be determined solely by the respective merits of the competing teams and to remain uncertain until the cricket match is completed. This is the essential characteristic that gives sport its unique appeal.

- **Disciplinary rules applicable to the Code**

Cricket Scotland's Conduct in Sport Rules shall apply when an alleged offence requires to be considered by Cricket Scotland's Conduct in Sport Panel. Cricket Scotland shall consider breaches of the Code of Conduct and match-day offences labelled as level 2, 3 and/or 4.

Cricket Scotland's Sanctioning Guide shall apply when an alleged offence is upheld and a sanction requires to be considered and issued.

Level 1 offences shall be considered and sanctioned at regional association level.

GCC Annual Confirmation

Everyone involved with Glenrothes Cricket Club be they players, officials, volunteers or others with a vested interest in actively promoting the game are required to annually agree to their understanding and compliance with the Code of Conduct.

This includes understanding the basic principles as set out in the club code as well as the fuller details contained within the Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct.

Everyone should confirm this by submitting our online form available at rebrand.ly/GCCConduct which will also require confirming that their registration details are up to date, that they have paid or will pay the appropriate membership fees and other associated issues.