



## **RDCA Women's East Competition**

### **Codes of Conduct**

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it is to be played not only within the laws of cricket, but also within the 'spirit of the game'. Any action seen as abusing this spirit injures the game itself. Embracing the spirit of the game means participating fairly and exhibiting respect for others and the game's traditional values, such as graciousness in defeat and humility in victory.

As a participant associated with the RDCA's Women's East program you will be required to sign a Code of Conduct for season 2025/26 and return it to the RDCA. There will be a separate document for players and captains.

The Code of Conduct sets out the minimum requirements of you in regards to your conduct during, or in any way associated with, any activity or event sanctioned by or under the auspices of the RDCA. We use the Code of Conduct recommended by the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU) and this is encoded in Section 13 of our Rules. The RDCA Women's Committee may impose penalties for breaches of this code.

The Codes must also be read together with the RDCA Values (Source RDCA Strategic Plan July 2023), The Spirit of Cricket, Preamble to the Laws of Cricket, Marylebone Cricket Club, 2023, and "The Spirit of Cricket" Cricket Australia 2023.

The MCC Laws of cricket are universally applied across all countries and cultures, and Cricket Australia/Cricket Victoria have further clarified what is meant by the 'Spirit of Cricket' in the Victorian and Australian context.

Linda Bailey  
Chair  
RDCA Women's Committee



## **Women's East Captains' Code of Conduct**

No player or official will, during any match, whether on or off the field of play, engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket.

Players will:

1. Respect the umpire
2. Not verbally or physically abuse any umpire
3. Not dispute the umpire's decision nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner
4. When given out, move immediately from the field
5. Endeavour to assist the umpire in carrying out the umpire's duties.
6. Not indulge in "sledging" of opposition players
7. Not verbally or physically abuse any player or official

In addition to following the standards set out for all players, Captains:

1. Are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.
2. Are responsible for ensuring their players conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the spirit of cricket. 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.

Other key points:

- Smoking on the playing field during the progress of a match is strictly prohibited.
- No alcohol will be consumed by players or match officials while the match they are participating in is in progress.
- Players will maintain a standard of dress consistent with Rule 12 of the RDCA Women's East Competition Rules
- Clubs will be responsible for the behaviour of their supporters and spectators.
- Persons registered with the Ringwood and District Cricket Association Incorporated (RDCA) who post on the RDCA website or on a club website or in social media will be subject to the rules of the RDCA and the Code of Conduct under the RDCA Social Media policy as posted on the RDCA website.



- The term social media refers to any medium or method which is used by individuals to disseminate information or opinions to one or more other individuals or organizations. This includes noticeboards and toilets.
- Offensive and/or obscene language will not be tolerated.

Affirmation:

I ..... of .....  
declare that I have the read this Code of Conduct and the supporting documentation  
and will abide by the standards of behaviour set out within.

..... / / .....(Club)