



Junior Cricket Code of Conduct

This policy covers **Players, Administrators and Members.**

Background

This document outlines Burnside Springs United Cricket Club's (BSUCC) expectations of all BSUCC Juniors players, parents and members relating to behaviour when patrons participate and/or attend club events (matches, training, and functions). The policy covers on and off field related expectations. The policy also presents a "discipline framework", which will guide BSUCC officials in dealing with matters where this code of conduct has been broken.

General

- Obey all reasonable requests made of you by any BSUCC Officials. Officials may be your coaches, a BSUCC committee member, or any other person appointed to supervise or run an activity in which you are involved.
- Remember that you are playing for or supporting BSUCC for the enjoyment of playing cricket and to be part of a great club.
- Enjoy the game and accept wins and losses equally & gracefully. Without the opposition, match officials or volunteers, we would not have a game or a chance to have a great club experience.
- Be a good sport. Always conduct yourself in a way that reflects well on yourself and your club.
- It is your responsibility to declare if you are unavailable for any match, training session or team/club function.
- Work equally hard for your team as you do for yourself.
- Be punctual to all matches, training and functions. Arrive at the designated time.
- Control your temper.
- The use of offensive language is unacceptable. This includes racial vilification (any act that is reasonably likely to threaten, disparage, vilify, offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person or group based on race, religion, descent, colour or national or ethnic origin).

On-Field

- Celebrate your teams' success. Do not ridicule the other teams' failure, specifically: "Send offs" – usually to a dismissed batter by the bowler or a member of the fielding side. This can often inflame situations and lead to a more serious altercation.
- Treat all participants in your game, as you would want to be treated. Appreciate the efforts of the opposition team. If there were no opposition, we would not have a game.
- Never argue with an official. The questioning/disputing of the umpire's decision – often in an aggressive or sarcastic manner is not acceptable. This applies equally to dismissals and unsuccessful appeals as to the judgment of calls on no balls, wides, byes, etc.



- An excessive number of frivolous and ridiculous appeals – primarily aimed at pressuring and intimidating the Umpire into a favourable decision are equally unacceptable.

Match day.

Arrive 30 minutes before match commencement of all home & away matches.

Training

- Your coaches, through club communications, will advise of starting & finishes times. (This can be through e-mails, internet or Facebook).
- Approach training as if it was a match. Bat, Bowl & Field to the best of your ability.
- All other activities are not permitted until those running training call an end to training.
- Attendance at training is expected for all organised sessions.
- If you cannot attend training, it is your responsibility to advise the coaches of your team or the Junior Co-ordinator.
- “I could not be bothered” is not an acceptable excuse for non-attendance.
- You are accountable to all coaches, and/or any designated assistants/specialists and/or any other designated BSUCC officials run training.
- When you come to training be prepared to train.
- Wear the correct gear as stated in this document.
- All normal protective gear is mandatory.
- Hat and Water Bottle is required.

Functions

The times & details for functions will be advised during the season through various communications. Conduct yourself as a team player and good club citizen at all times

Act as a team at all times

This means when your team is batting, all team members are sitting together on the sideline, supporting their team-mates in the middle.

Off-Field

You must adhere to all Club policies, including:

- The BSUCC Juniors Code of Conduct.
- The Club’s Health & Safety Policy.
- The Club’s “Good Sports” responsible use of alcohol Policy.
- Whilst attending or involved in any cricket or club related activity, you are a representative of the Club.
- Your personal behaviour must reflect the circumstances, and you must adjust accordingly:
- Excessive bad language is not acceptable.



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- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Show respect as outlined above.

BSUCC Juniors Parents, Members and Supporters

Conduct yourself in a fashion that sets a good example to juniors players.

- By all means be passionate when supporting the team and club, but bad language or abuse of match, opposition or club officials is not allowed.
- Criticising players negatively is strongly discouraged. Look for the positive in any situation and remember that the players and officials are giving their best efforts.
- It is expected that at least 1 parent or guardian remains at training and on match day in case your child should get injured.

Play by the rules

- Observe all “Laws of cricket” during a match, and follow instructions given by any match official at all times.
- Observe the club dress code.
- The club expects all players, as representatives of the club, are wearing the correct attire on field. This includes the following:
 - Training: A BSUCC shirt, shorts, socks (white) and runners.
 - Match Day: Approved BSUCC collared shirt, cricket pants and mostly white runners or rubber-stop cricket shoes.
 - The BSUCC hat is mandatory for the entire duration of matches, unless you are wearing a helmet to bat, keep or field in close.
 - BSUCC is a “Sun-Smart” club. All players are expected to be “Sun-Smart” when training and playing. This means the club hat and sun-screen are musts at all times.
- Show respect.
- The actions of the dismissed batter – in failing to leave the crease promptly on being given out and any equipment abuse (e.g. banging the bat into the ground or against the fence or race, etc and/or throwing the bat or equipment during or after his return to the pavilion) are unacceptable.

Captains

The Club appoints officials and captains with a clear expectation that they will be shown proper respect on and off the field. If you have a problem with an official or captain for your team that you cannot resolve one on one, the only avenue of appeal open to you is to the committee via the Junior Coordinator.



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An argument between you and your teammates during the course of a match brings you, your team, and the club into disrepute is unacceptable.

Equipment

Do not abuse any equipment which belongs to you, another BSUCC Juniors player, or the club. "Abuse" means: throw, slam into the ground, bang on the pitch, pull apart, bend, twist, rip, tear, cut, etc.

The Club relies on all players being fully financial.

Ensure that all registration paperwork and fee payments are paid before round one. Please discuss any concerns with Junior Coordinator.

Communication.

If you have any concerns about operations concerning your child, please follow the relevant process detailed below:

- If you have a concern about training or match day related matters, the first contact point is your child's coaches, then the Junior Coordinator, then the Club Committee.
- If you have a concern about any off-field or administration related matters, the first contact point is the Junior Coordinator, then the Club Committee.
- Support and encourage all members of your child's team as much as possible. This may involve: assisting set-up of ground, scoring, warming-up players, barracking during the match, helping with a training drill etc.
- Allow your child's coaches, and other BSUCC officials to coach and instruct as they see fit in any given situation. Remember that all volunteers at the club take on their roles to help you child enjoy playing cricket. Work positively and constructively with them at all times. If you do have a concern, follow the relevant procedure outlined above.

Discipline Procedure

For any offence, the coaches or other BSUCC officials supervising the player at time of incident may enforce the following:

- 1st offence: Player spoken to by BSUCC coach or official immediately. Player's parent/guardian advised of incident and any action taken by supervising BSUCC coach or official as soon as possible.
- 2nd offence: Player and parents have discussion with Junior Coordinator as soon as possible regarding the incident and any other past relevant incidents.
- 3rd offence: Player's participation in any remaining play of current match and next match restricted as deemed suitable by coaches and Junior Coordinator/Junior Development Officer.



This may involve player not being granted the participation minimum's as set in the BSUCC Juniors Player Management Policy.

- 4th offence: Player "Benched" (no participation in any remaining play of current match and next match)
- 5th offence and any subsequent offence: Player "Benched" for an amount of time decided by player's coaches and Junior Coordinator/Junior Development Officer.
- If a player commits a minor breaking of the BSUCC Juniors Code of Conduct, the above process will be carried out. "Minor" is an incidence where the consequence of the breaking of the code is minimal, but the breaking of the code has occurred in any case.
- If a player is deemed to have committed a major breaking of the code, the player will be "benched" immediately by their Coaches, and the matter will be referred to the Junior Coordinator and Junior Development Officer, who will have a discussion with the player and a Parent/Guardian as soon as possible. Then, after consultation with the player's Coaches, a consequence will be set by the Junior Coordinator.
- "Major" is an incident where the breaking of the code is considered by the coach or BSUCC official supervising the player at time of incident to: put the reputation of the club at risk; put the physical or emotional safety or well-being of other BSUCC players, BSUCC officials, BSUCC members and supporters, opposition, match officials at risk; caused any physical damage.

"Benched" players are required to attend their training and matches as normal. They will train as normal, but will not participate in the match on match day. Instead, they will help with off-field tasks, such as (but not limited to):

- Helping in canteen
- Helping to score,
- Helping set up and pack up.