



THORNLEIGH CRICKET CLUB - CODE OF CONDUCT

PURPOSE

Thornleigh Cricket Club (TCC) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment where everyone can participate in and enjoy cricket. This Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches, managers, volunteers, officials, parents, carers and spectators involved in club matches, training sessions and events.

We embrace the Spirit of Cricket, recognising that respect, fairness, integrity and good sportsmanship are fundamental to the game.

GENERAL EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR

- Treat all participants, officials and spectators with respect and courtesy.
- Accept umpire decisions respectfully.
- Promote teamwork, inclusion and enjoyment.
- Act honestly, fairly and with integrity on and off the field.
- Respect the facilities, equipment and property of all clubs.
- Follow reasonable directions of club and competition officials.
- Follow directions related to player safety including concussion, heat, weather and emergency procedures.
- Consume alcohol responsibly at club functions.
- Don't smoke or vape near junior players or during junior cricket activities.
- Report unsafe behaviour, child safety concerns or serious misconduct to a TCC committee member.
- Uphold the reputation of the club and the game of cricket.

ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS

PLAYERS

- Respect teammates, opponents and officials
- Win with humility and lose with dignity
- Encourage teammates and never ridicule mistakes
- Attend training sessions and matches punctually or notify the coach or manager if unable to attend.
- Wear club uniform as required
- Assist with team and club duties, including setting up and packing away equipment where required.



CAPTAINS

- Lead by example both on and off the field.
- Support umpires and assist in maintaining discipline within the team.
- Encourage positive behaviour from teammates.
- Resolve on-field issues respectfully and calmly.
- In Senior Cricket, only the team captain may approach an umpire to respectfully seek clarification on a decision, where warranted.

COACHES AND TEAM MANAGERS

- Prioritise player safety, enjoyment and development.
- Lead by example through respectful behaviour.
- Treat every player fairly and provide equal encouragement and opportunity.
- Communicate respectfully with players and parents.
- Provide constructive feedback.
- Foster good sportsmanship and respect for officials.
- Promote a child-safe environment.
- In Junior Cricket, only the Coach may approach an umpire to respectfully seek clarification on a decision, where warranted.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

- Help create a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for every child.
- Respect coaching decisions and discuss concerns privately after the match or training session.
- Respect the decisions of umpires and officials.
- Never abuse players, coaches, volunteers or match officials.
- Don't question or raise concerns with umpires, officials or the opposition team. Rather bring concerns to TCC coach or manager who will assess the situation and coordinate a response (if required).
- Be positive role models through their behaviour.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

- Abusive, offensive, intimidating or threatening conduct.
- Harassment, discrimination, vilification or bullying.
- Obscene language, offensive gestures or aggressive celebrations.
- Physical intimidation, assault or dangerous conduct.
- Disputing an umpire's decision or showing dissent through words, actions or gestures.
- Throwing equipment in anger or in a dangerous manner.
- Deliberate property damage.
- Cheating or conduct contrary to the Spirit of Cricket.
- Participation while affected by alcohol or illicit drugs.



- Failure to follow reasonable directions from club or competition officials.
- Inappropriate online/social media conduct including abusive posts, public criticism of players/coaches/volunteers/officials, sharing confidential information or posting images of children without appropriate consent.

BREACHES OF THIS CODE

Any breach of this code may result in one or more of the following actions, depending on the seriousness of the conduct:

- Discussion and behavioural guidance.
- Verbal warning.
- Written warning.
- Removal from a training session or match.
- Suspension from club activities.
- Suspension or termination of club membership.
- Referral to HK&HDCA, Cricket NSW or other appropriate authorities where required.

The Thornleigh Cricket Club Committee may investigate alleged breaches of this code and will, where appropriate, provide the individual with an opportunity to respond before determining any disciplinary action.

A person subject to disciplinary action may request that the Thornleigh Cricket Club Committee review the decision by submitting a written request within a reasonable timeframe. The committee's decision following any review will be final.

Serious misconduct may also be dealt with under the Cricket NSW Code of Conduct and other applicable Cricket NSW or HK&HDCA policies.

OUR COMMITMENT

Every person representing Thornleigh Cricket Club shares responsibility for protecting the Spirit of Cricket and creating a safe, respectful and inclusive environment where players, officials, volunteers, parents and spectators can enjoy the game. Respect, fairness, integrity and good sportsmanship will always be valued above winning.

REFERENCES/INPUT DOCUMENTS:

- [HKHDCA Code of Conduct](#)
- [HKHDCA Juniors Rules 2024-25 - U12 to U17](#)
- [HKHDCA Representative Code of Conduct 2026-2027](#)
- [CNSW Code of Conduct Procedures v3.1 approved](#)
- [Cricket Australia Spirit of Cricket](#)