Players Code of Behaviour

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Player Code of Behaviour is to set clear expectations for players representing Everton Districts Cricket Club (EDCC).

EDCC wants cricket to be enjoyable, competitive, safe and respectful. Players are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, respect others and play within the rules and spirit of the game.

Your primary goal is to enjoy playing cricket, contribute positively to your team and represent EDCC with pride.

2. Scope

This Code applies to all players representing Everton Districts Cricket Club in matches, training sessions, representative activities and other cricket-related activities conducted as part of the club.

Players are also subject to EDCC's broader Code of Conduct and any applicable competition rules, codes of behaviour and playing conditions.

3. Policy

3.1. Enjoyment, Effort and Sportsmanship

Players are expected to:

- Enjoy the game and contribute to a positive team environment.
- Play by the rules and within the spirit of cricket.
- Judge personal performance by effort, improvement and contribution to the team, not only by the result.
- Accept both victory and defeat with good sportsmanship.
- Applaud and acknowledge good play by teammates and opposition players.
- Support teammates and never ridicule or yell at another player for making a mistake.

3.2. Respect for Opposition Players

Players must:

- Treat opposition players with respect.

- Not sledge, abuse, intimidate or deliberately provoke opposition players.
- Avoid discriminatory, offensive or threatening language or behaviour.
- Acknowledge good cricket regardless of which team produced it.

3.3. Respect for Umpires and Officials

Players must:

- Respect umpires, scorers and other match officials.
- Accept decisions appropriately and continue with the game.
- Not publicly question an official's honesty or integrity.
- Raise legitimate questions about a decision through the appropriate match-day process and in a respectful manner.

3.4. Fair Play and Integrity

Players are expected to act honestly and fairly, including by:

- Signalling boundaries honestly where required.
- Indicating when a catch has not been taken cleanly.
- Avoiding appeals where the player knows the batter is not out.
- Acting consistently with the spirit of cricket, even where doing so may not provide a competitive advantage.
- Not deliberately seeking to mislead an umpire, official or opposition player.

3.5. Respect for Coaches, Managers and Teammates

Players are expected to:

- Treat coaches, team managers, captains and teammates with respect.
- Listen appropriately to coaching and match-day instructions.
- Support teammates regardless of ability, experience or match performance.
- Contribute positively to training, games and team activities.
- Raise disagreements respectfully rather than through abusive, disruptive or intimidating behaviour.

3.6. Breaches of this Code

Concerns regarding player behaviour should be raised with the relevant coach, team manager, captain or EDCC Committee member as appropriate.

Alleged breaches will be considered having regard to the nature and seriousness of the behaviour, the player's circumstances and any applicable EDCC or competition requirements.

Significant or repeated breaches may be referred to the EDCC Committee and addressed in accordance with the club's Code of Conduct, rules, policies and applicable competition requirements.

4. Roles and responsibilities

4.1. EDCC Committee

- Approve this policy and any material changes to it.
- Ensure the policy remains appropriate for the club and is reviewed when required.
- Support consistent application of the policy across Everton Districts Cricket Club.
- Address significant breaches or concerns in accordance with the club's rules, policies and procedures.

4.2. Members and Participants

- Players must understand and comply with this Code while participating in EDCC activities.
- Coaches, team managers and captains should promote and reinforce these expectations within their teams.
- Suspected breaches or concerns should be raised with an appropriate coach, team manager or EDCC Committee member.