



PIONEER VALLEY CRICKET

Managing and Promoting Junior and Senior Cricket
in the Pioneer Valley, Mackay & North Queensland



For Everyone at Pioneer Valley Cricket - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

For Players

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire in an appropriate manner during a break or after the game
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in cricket
- Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition
- Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, teachers or coaches

For Coaches

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience
- Avoid overplaying the talented players - all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- Display control and respect to all those involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development

For Parents/Supporters

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage your child to play by the rules
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful play by all participants
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate