

## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

1. Remember that children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event.
4. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules. They should understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility.
5. Be positive in your comments-Never ridicule and avoid criticism of your child for losing a game or making a mistake.
6. Remember that all children learn best from example. Applaud all good plays for either team.
7. Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting events.
9. Never use Bad or Abusive Language towards any child, parent or official. Realise that improper comments can lead to violence or abuse on the field.
10. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do the same.
11. If you disagree with an official, use the correct protocol to address the matter. Approach the official in a break or at the end of the game. Do not question an official's honesty in public.
12. Recognise and value volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support. Without them your child could not participate.
13. Do not force an unwilling, sick or injured child to compete in the game.
14. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
15. Never consume or distribute alcohol whilst present at a game of cricket under the control of CJCA.

**A breach of this Code of Conduct may be referred to the Canterbury Cricket Association Judiciary. The Judiciary has the power to impose penalties against the parent / guardian and also the offender's child.**