

## Coaches Code of Conduct

The following guidelines outline the code of conduct expected by Fulham junior coaches.

- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players that rules of the sport are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
- Whenever possible, group players to give a reasonable chance of success.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. All young players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that children participate for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Avoid imposing expectations on players to achieve specific performance goals just because they are talented.
- Overrule any unrealistic fielding positions that junior captains set to prevent good players from scoring, e.g. having 5 players on the leg side all on the boundary. If players are good enough to hit over mid-on then they deserve a boundary.
- Avoid engaging in lengthy pre-match and post-match discussions. Young players have a short attention span. Anything longer than a few of minutes is not productive. Simply point out two or three aspects that were good and a couple of areas that need improvement.
- Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Enter the match results into MyCricket in accordance with the WSJCA guidelines