



# UNSW CRICKET CLUB

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## SPIRIT OF CRICKET & CLUB CULTURE

### Background

Australians are justifiably proud of the place sport has in their daily lives. However, what is equally important to all of us involved in cricket is the way the game is played and the manner in which all participants at all levels of involvement conduct themselves.

The "Spirit of Cricket" is fostered by the values that you (as a player, coach, committee member, team official, volunteer, parent, or club member) bring to your team, the UNSWCC, and the game itself.

Cricket can be a highly competitive game. The Australian team leads by example by playing the game hard but fair. However, it is important to play within the Laws and the spirit of the game. The following key elements provide the fundamentals for fostering a healthy development of this spirit, and club culture at UNSWCC.

### Fair Play & Club Culture:

According to the Laws of Cricket, umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time, and it is the responsibility of the Team Captain, a coach, or club official take action where required.

At the UNSWCC, Team captains are responsible and always empowered for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game and within the Laws on match days – as are Club Coaches and club officials where required.

Team Captains and umpires together set the tone for player conduct on match day. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to play the game in good spirit and fairness.

Together with the off-field support of Club Coaches and Club Management, it is the responsibility of every club member to play their part in keeping the Club Culture of UNSWCC as best as it can be – friendly, inclusive, fun & gracious – whilst still playing a hard and competitive brand of cricket.

Fundamentally – we want to be a club full of "good blokes", want every club member to want the same, and have our club culture be the envy of other clubs.

When a player fails to comply with the instructions of an umpire, criticize an umpire by word or action due to umpiring decisions, show dissent, or generally behave in an inappropriate manner – they risk bringing their Captain, their team, UNSWCC and the game itself into disrepute. Such actions will not be tolerated at UNSWCC.

**Match Management:** The umpires are authorized to intervene in the event of:

- Time wasting;	- Dangerous or unfair bowling;	- Any other action that they consider not to be in the spirit of the game.
- Damaging the Pitch;	- Tampering with the ball;	

**Respect:** The spirit of the game involves respect and for:

- Your opponents;	- Your team Captain;	- Club Coaches;
- Team Officials;	- Club Officials;	- The role of an umpire;
- Your team mates;	- Club Volunteers;	- The traditional values of cricket

**Actions that go against the spirit:** It is against the spirit of the game to:

Dispute an umpire's decision by word, act or gesture;	Disrespectful behavior towards your team mates, coaches, team officials, volunteers, or club officials.	Indulge in cheating, which may include: - Appealing when knowing the batter is not out; - Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing. - Seeking to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.
Direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire;	Disobeying or displaying dissent towards your Team Captain;	
Excessive or "personal" sledging of the opposition;		

Such actions only seek to degrade The Spirit of Cricket, and Club Culture, and won't be tolerated at UNSWCC