



Benoni Northern's Cricket Club Code of Honour for Senior and Junior Cricket

Benoni Northern's Cricket Club ("BNCC") has a rich and proud cricketing history. Our cricket club saw its beginnings in the early 1960's as St Patrick's Cricket Club, founded by Father Ford. In the 1970's, the club moved to its existing premises on Brodigan Street in Rynfield, Benoni, where it was formally established as Benoni Northern's Cricket Club in 1972.

Today's players – like those who have gone before them – play to enjoy the friendship created by the game and bring success to our club.

Good sportsmanship, fairplay and playing within the spirit of the game are the most important elements of cricket. To this end, BNCC has established a Code of Honour aimed at reinforcing these values. BNCC has also established a formal Disciplinary Code aimed at addressing breaches of these fundamental values that underpin the game we love. The Code of Honour is to be read in conjunction with Disciplinary Code.

These Codes help to ensure that junior and senior players, members, parents, those *in loco parentis*, coaches, managers and club officials involved in junior and senior cricket can enjoy all the activities associated with the game of cricket both on and off the field of play.

All junior and senior players, members, parents, those *in loco parentis*, coaches and club officials involved in junior and senior cricket agree to honour our Codes. A parent who signs an acknowledgement of this code is deemed to have made his spouse and those that may act *in loco parentis* aware of the spirit of behaviour that is expected by the Codes.



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Cnr Brodigan & O'Reilly Merry Street, Rynfield, Benoni, 1501

A. Player's Code of Honour

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of your teammates and opponents regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. Play by the Rules as contained in the Law of Cricket published by the Marylebone Cricket club ("MCC") and the byelaws published by the Easterns Cricket Union.
3. Never argue with an umpire or team mate.
4. If you are upset about something that happened at training or in a game, talk about your worries to your team manager.
5. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, making unnecessary comments to opponents, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in cricket.
6. Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
7. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
8. Treat all participants in cricket as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
9. Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
10. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
11. Train with the intent and purpose that is required on match day.
12. Treat the equipment and facilities of BNCC with respect and care.
13. Assist in the preparation and packing up of training and game equipment.



B. Coaches & Team Manager's Code of Honour

1. Remember that players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on each player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Know and operate within the rules and spirit of cricket and teach your players to do the same.
5. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players, particularly in junior cricket. All players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
8. 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.
9. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players.
10. Constantly aim at improving your skills by obtaining the necessary skills or appropriate qualifications to keep up to date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of players.
11. Any physical contact with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
13. Coaches in junior matches are required to officiate as umpires in each league match played by their team. Please do not delegate this responsibility to an assistant coach, team manager or parent without good reason and without the consent of the opposing team's coach.
14. Whilst the committee will ensure that scorer training is given to those parents interested in learning to score, it is the manager's responsibility in junior cricket to identify which parents are willing and able to score and to use parents to score on a rotational basis.



C. Parent's Code of Honour

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket.
2. Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to play by the rules.
4. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect every official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
11. If asked to officiate as a scorer you should respect the spirit of the game and be consistent, courteous and impartial in all your decision making.
12. Remember that the coach is your child's coach. The coach's concern relates to each child and the team as a whole. Please avoid contradicting the coach's approach to coaching your child and the team by insisting that the coach is obliged to follow instructions from your child's private coach.
13. Respect the coaching decisions that are made. Do not interfere with the coach during the performance of his duties, especially, during official practices, league and/or practise matches.
14. Points of concern should be raised with the team manager and escalated to the coach should the manager be unable to resolve the issue.
15. Do not raise issues in front of your child, his teammates, other parents, our opposition or in public. These matters must be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.
16. Avoid engaging in any unnecessary conflict with officials, opposition players or supporters during league or practice matches.



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BNCC reserves the right to implement disciplinary action, as set out in the club's Disciplinary Code should any party who is bound by the Code of Honour be in breach thereof.

The Disciplinary Code can be found on the club website by visiting <http://www.bncricket.co.za/disciplinary-code>.

"I have read the BNCC cricket Code of Honour and agree to honour it."

Player:	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Date	Signature

Parent:	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Date	Signature

Coach:	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Date	Signature

Manager:	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Date	Signature