



Laudium Cricket Club
Cnr. 19th Ave & Jade St
Laudium

The Laudium Cricket Club is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. This code of conduct applies to all players, spectators and team officials and extends to training, match days and club social functions.

This Code of Conduct is intended for all players, coaches, parents, supporters, sponsors and the administrators of Laudium Cricket Club.

A breach of this code may be subject to a disciplinary hearing by the Club Executive and all parties are therefore encouraged to familiarise themselves with this code.

Cricket is a character building sport and teaches discipline and integrity. Laudium Cricket Club emphasizes and encourages the following:

To learn, understand and play the game of cricket within the rules and guidelines stipulated by the Northerns Cricket Union.

Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief.

Always apply fair play and be a good sport. Do not claim unfair catches, be prepared to walk if you know you hit the ball and a fair catch was made. Refrain from excessive appeals and do not indulge in over-exuberant celebrations on the field of play.

Acknowledge the good play of others, both by your team mates and by the opposition.

Refrain from distracting or provoking opponents and players by making derogatory or negative remarks towards players, opponents and officials.

Respect and never question the decision of the umpires or demonstrate dissatisfaction in any way.

Respect the instructions given by the coach and captain and the decisions taken by the coach, captain, selection committee and Club administration.

The coach, captain, selection committee and Club administrators will always act in the best interests of the club without favour.

Coaches will give every player equal attention and opportunity.

Always recognise good performance of all players and coaches, both on and off the field - and not only match results.

Arrive on time for training sessions and for matches. Captains must arrange in advance with the opposing teams captain any changes to venue, date or time of matches prescribed in the fixtures list.

Inform the coach and captain in good time if a player will not be available for a match and for training sessions.

Always wear the correct cricket attire (white pants, white cricket shirt, cricket shoes) and have the correct cricket equipment and protective cricket gear during training sessions and matches.

Respect the cricket pitch, cricket grounds, training facilities and property of the Club and of opposition Club's.

Parents must always be clear about their child's whereabouts and agree any arrangements that are made to transport their children to and from matches and training sessions with the Coach. The Club encourages parental support at all matches and training sessions.

Inform the Club administrators and coaches of any specific medical need or allergies that a player may have and for parents to be available to administer

special medication unless the player is able to administer their own medication.

If a player would like to raise a concern or complaint, please approach the coach directly to discuss and resolve the matter. If the matter cannot be resolved with the Coach, please direct your complaints to the Club Representative. Please note that when addressing any complaint, the game of cricket and the best interests of the Club will always be put first.

Training & Team Selection

As a member of the Laudium Cricket Club all players, spectators and team officials will:

- Attend all club organised training sessions where possible. Players unable to attend will notify the Senior Coach or a member of the Senior Match Committee in advance;
- Wear appropriate clothing including a Laudium Cricket Club training or match day shirt (or plain white shirt) Failure to wear appropriate clothing will result in the player not being permitted to train;
- Display a positive attitude to training and participate in all training activities as directed by the Senior Coach and other club nominated training officials;
- Notify the Senior Coach or Senior Match Committee when injured at training; and
- Play in the designated team as selected by the Senior Match Committee and in the best interests of the Club.

Players shall not:

- Attend training whilst under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs;
- Directly harass or abuse a teammates or Club official;
- Discourage teammates based on their ability level; and
- Refuse to participate in activities unless injured.

Match Day Behaviour

As a member of the Laudium Cricket Club all players will:

- Arrive at the match day venue at the time specified by the team Captain, unless otherwise agreed;
- Assist in the preparation of the match day as directed by the team Captain, including, but not limited to ground preparation and preparation of drinks;
- Wear appropriate Laudium Cricket Club uniform as specified by the Senior Committee; and
- Not arrive at the match day venue under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs.
- No smoking or drinking of alcohol in the player's area or changing rooms.

Players and Officials will direct behaviour towards the following groups in the described manner

Umpires

As a member of Laudium Cricket Club all players, spectators and team officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision (whether they are a paid umpire or otherwise). Players, spectators and team officials will:

- Not dispute an umpire's decision or react in a threatening or disapproving manner;
- Not verbally or physically abuse any umpire;
- Move immediately from the field when given out;
- Not advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing; and
- Generally assist the umpire in carrying out his duties.

Opposing Sides

As a member of the Laudium Cricket Club all players, spectators and team officials will:

- Not use crude and/or abusive language (sledging) nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent;
- Not use racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters;
- Not use or threaten violence towards opposing team members; and
- Shake hands with all opposing team members at the conclusion of a match.

Teammates

As a member of the Laudium Cricket Club all players, spectators and team officials will:

- Show respect to all teammates regardless of ability;
- Encourage teammates at all times; and
- Not abuse, sledge or insult a teammate (including after miss-fields and dropped catches)

The Senior Committee and Senior Match Committee will take all necessary steps to ensure the good behaviour of the Club's members and supporters towards players and umpires.

Social media

The above standards of behaviour relating to umpires, opposing sides and teammates will also apply to the use of social media. While the club does not seek to control general use of social media by its members, members should exercise caution when posting material directly relating to the activity of the club and its members.

Penalties

In penalising the player(s) concerned, the Senior Match Committee under the direction of the Senior Committee shall have the following powers:

- To require the player(s) to issue an apology (verbal or written) within a specified time;
- To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct;
- To impose a fine;
- To suspend the player's right to be considered for selection by the Club to play in one or more matches; and
- In certain cases, to impose more than one of the above penalties.

In the instance of Gross Misconduct the Senior Committee shall have the following powers:

- To suspend the player's membership of the club for a period; and
- In extreme cases, to terminate the player's membership forthwith.

Appeals Procedure

Any player(s) who has been penalised shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee, being the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Senior Representative for a review of the findings of the Senior Committee or Senior Match Committee and of the penalty or penalties imposed.

The decision of the Executive Committee, in all cases shall be final and binding.