



# Muckamore Cricket & Lawn Tennis Club

Player Code of Conduct

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Muckamore Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club is committed to promoting and maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct, both on and off the field. This Code of Conduct applies to all players, officials and members of the Club and any matches played under the name of Muckamore Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club.

All players are asked to read and abide by the following:

### Before Play

- Players must inform their Captain or a member of the selection committee on or before selection meetings (Tuesday evenings) if they are unavailable for the following Saturday.
- Players will be informed of their selection and the required meeting time by the respective Captain.
- Players who become unavailable after teams have been selected must inform the Captain of the team for which they have been selected immediately, by phone.
- Late 'cry-offs' (Friday night or Saturday morning) disrupt your team and impact on lower teams and are only permitted in exceptional circumstances. Players who do not have an acceptable reason for such instances may jeopardise their selection for future games.
- Players who fail to turn up for a game will be asked to provide an explanation to the selection committee and if this is deemed unacceptable may be subject to suspension or any other sanction deemed appropriate.

### On the Field

- Captains are responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of cricket and the values expected of a Muckamore player; this involves respect for your opponents, your own Captain and team, the role of the umpires and the game's traditional values.
- Players, Club Officials and members must always accept the Umpire's decision.
- Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards the umpire at any time.



- Players, Club Officials and members shall not at any time intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player, or a spectator.
- Players, Club Officials and members shall not use crude and/or abusive language, make offensive gestures nor deliberately distract an opponent.
- Players, Club Officials and members shall not make racial or sectarian comments or indulge in racial or sectarian actions against fellow players, officials, members or supporters.
- Players in teams below the First XI must take their turn in umpiring, scoring or performing other tasks as instructed by the Captain.
- All players must accept the decisions made by the Captain on the pitch without question.
- Muckamore Cricket Club is a members' Club, therefore all players share the responsibility of maintaining the Clubhouse, Changing Facilities and Grounds in a clean and tidy manner. Players are required to follow their Captain's directions in respect to this.
- Cricket carries a risk of injury to other players, members and visitors. Please be mindful of this and help provide as safe an environment as is possible by maintaining an awareness of those around you.

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself.