



LOWER PLENTY CRICKET CLUB

Policy Statement – Junior Policies

Philosophy

To create a positive & encouraging environment for players to learn & develop their cricket skills, to enjoy the game of cricket & to place sportsmanship above winning at all costs.

Objectives

To achieve the club's objectives all players parents and officials shall:

- Nurture and develop individual potential to its fullest
- Nurture and develop team potential to its fullest
- Always give constructive and positive advice aimed at informing how to play better, not dwelling on mistakes.
- Talk to the players not at them
- Never motivate by fear or criticize a player in front of his team mates
- Improve by training with emphasis on variation, individual and team skills, fitness and achievement.
- Enjoyment and encouragement should be the guiding principle.
- Teach players how to win and lose gracefully and the importance of accepting the umpire's decisions.
- Give equal time and coaching to all players.
- Experienced players should be encouraged to help inexperienced players.
- Team improvement stems from the least experienced players.

Code of Conduct

- Respect the traditions of the game
- Encourage team mates
- Respect & accept umpire's decisions
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Respect the name & reputation of LPCC
- Play fairly & always within the rules of the game
- Respect our opposition
- Play to the best of our ability
- Respect our club's equipment & property
- Cooperate with team managers & officials

For more information, please refer to [LPCC Code of Conduct Policy](#) document for players, parents, spectators and coaches. Also please refer to the [DVCA Rule Book](#)

Grading & Team Selection Policy

The DVCA competition, in which LPCC participates, is a graded competition at U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 levels. LPCC will assess a player's ability to participate at a particular grade in the DVCA competition. The aim of grading is to ensure that players neither play at too high nor too low a level, so that they enjoy the game and improve their cricket and enable LPCC to field competitive teams in the competition.

Teams will be selected on a fair and consistent basis providing the opportunity for players to develop their cricket skills in an enjoyable and friendly environment.

The club encourages players to take a positive attitude to joining a new team. We have found that this often opens up opportunities for development of the player's game and the formation of new friendships amongst team mates and parents.

For more information, please refer to [LPCC Junior Grading & Team Selection](#) policy document.

Awards Policy

Team managers will select players for awards. Age coordinators will compile award lists and ensure that orders are placed in time for presentation at award ceremonies.

The following awards can be presented to U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18: In Batting, Bowling, Fielding, Special Awards & Participation Awards.

For more information, please refer to [LPCC Awards](#) policy document.

Parental Assistance

All parents need to understand that the enjoyment and benefit that their children derive from participating in a club cricket team is very much dependent upon the involvement of parents at both an individual team and club level.

There are many opportunities to assist, that help make the team or the club function effectively. Everyone involved is doing so on a voluntary basis and the more people that get involved, the easier it is for all.

Examples of areas you could help include, but are not limited to:

- Coach
- Team Manager
- Assistant Team Manager
- Umpiring
- Scoring
- Committee Member
- Social Activities
- Donation of an award /raffle item
- Assist Junior Coach at training
- Club Sponsorship

The need for parental participation particularly on match days is critical and without parental involvement the team cannot exist.

Each Team's Manager will establish a roster that covers duties such as scoring, umpiring, and ground preparation on match days and emailing scores and sending off match reports and recording the statistics after the match.

Uniform policy

It is preferred that all junior players wear a white cricket shirt & long pants. The club has both shirts & caps the LPCC logo. These are available through the club website. All shirts require a number for easy player identification. Team Managers are responsible for allocating these.

Coaches will decide with parents whether wearing club clothing is required for mid-week training.

Safety Rules and Protective Clothing policy

All players are to provide their own playing kit including a bat, pads, batting gloves and box.

All batsmen in all junior grades must wear a helmet with the appropriate face guard protection at both matches and training. All junior Wicket Keepers are also required to wear a helmet. U16 Wicket Keeper must either wear a helmet or an appropriate mouth guard at both matches and training.

Players must provide their own thigh and arm protectors if they feel they are required.

Sunsmart Policy

The health of our players is a prime concern to LPCC. Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world with two out of three people experiencing some form of cancer during their lifetime. Exposure during childhood and teenage years is believed to be the most important period in determining whether you will experience skin cancer during your lifetime.

The policy of LPCC is to protect players from skin cancer as follows:

- To promote or supply participants with a shirt with a collar.
- Encourage players to wear sunglasses at suitable times.
- Cricket caps and hats to be worn at trainings and on match days.
- To promote the use of sunscreen by players at training and on match days.
- To continually promote Sunsmart policies during the season.
- Encourage players to sit in the shade whilst waiting to bat.

Hot weather policy

For more information, please refer to [LPCC Heat](#) policy document.

Privacy Policy

The information provided in the registration form shall be used for the administration of LPCC and as such may be made available to other members of LPCC for that purpose. Player information may also be made available to the DVCA and Cricket Victoria as required.

LPCC will not sell its mailing list or make player information available to other third parties.

Playing Times

Please refer to the DVCA web site for the playing times for all grades.

Social Media

When interacting with or representing the LPCC online, all members and parents are expected to show respect, protection and privacy for all those they interact with.

LPCC Members & Parents must not:

- Post material that is or might be construed as offensive, obscene, defamatory, threatening, discriminatory, hateful, racist, homophobic or sexist.
- Make statements which are misleading, false or defame the reputation of any members, fellow clubs or associations.
- Bring the LPCC, Cricket Victoria, Cricket Australia, or the DVCA into disrepute.
- Offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully any member, club or association.
- Imply that you are authorised to speak on behalf of or as a representative of LPCC
- Give the impression that the views you express are those of LPCC.
- Use the LPCC logo or name in any format without the club's consent.
- Use the identity or likeness of another member of LPCC without their permission
- Use or disclose any confidential information or personal information obtained in your capacity as a member of LPCC

For more information, please refer to [LPCC Social Media](#) policy document.

Good Sports

LPCC is an accredited Good Sports Club that adheres to their policies around alcohol management, smoking regulations, mental health, illegal drugs, and safe transport.

These together add up to help create a safe, welcoming, family-friendly environment at the Lower Plenty Cricket Club.

For more information, please refer to the [Good Sports website](#)