**CODE OF CONDUCT AND PROCEDURES**

**SDCC COACH AND PLAYER GUIDELINES**

* Leaving the sports/residential grounds without the organizers/coaches permission.
* Causing damage or defacing any piece of furniture or equipment that is not that of the person/s involved unless proved accidental.
* Verbally abusing any participant, coach or any facility-centre-staff member.
* Physically abusing any participant or any other person at or around the facility.
* Taking any form of alcohol or illegal substances.
* Breaking any rules that are set by the coaches/organizers.
* Breaking the rules set out by the facility.
* Players must play by the rules.
* Never argue with an umpire.
* Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable.
* Show good sportsmanship. Applaud all good play whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
* Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated.
* Do not bully or take unfair advantage of other competitors.
* Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

**A BREACH OF THE ABOVE WILL BE DEEMED SERIOUS AND WILL BE DEALT WITH APPROPRIATELY.**

Breakdown of procedure:

* Coaches/staff will discuss the incident.
* Parent will be contacted regarding their child’s behavior and given an opportunity to attend the meeting or have an independent representative present.
* Coaches representatives to meet with player/s and have independent representation or parent present in a neutral location.
* Coaches meet to action procedures.
* Participant informed of outcome of meeting.
* Parent informed by organizers of meeting.

**CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR PARENTS**

* Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket.
* Remember that children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
* Encourage your child to play by the rules.
* Focus on the child’s efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
* Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
* Remember that children learn best by example.
* Appreciate good performances and skillful play by all participants
* Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
* Respect official’s decisions and teach children to do likewise.
* Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your children could not participate.
* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.