



The Spirit of Cricket

The following is a brief guide to the good behaviour we expect:

Players

- Opponents will be treated with respect – applaud their good play as well as that of your own team
- Encourage your bowlers but keep this within bounds – there is no need for continuous shouting and clapping
- Only fielders in a good position to see what happened should appeal. It can be counterproductive to keep appealing.
- Do not show dissent or question an umpire's decision.
- Never make offensive comments or gestures to an opponent. When you have dismissed a batsman there is no need to send him/her away with gestures and comments.
- Celebrate your successes by all means but do not be excessive
- Umpires and scorers appreciate a word of thanks at the end of a game. Captains, in particular, should make a point of doing this after every match.

Managers

- Managers should set an example to the players through their own behaviour. We do not want a 'win at all costs' attitude. No one should shout at players on the field of play.

Spectators

- Spectators should support their team without interfering. Umpires, coaches and scorers give up their time voluntarily and need your support.

- Instructions must not be given to players: the manager/coach is there to do that at the appropriate time.
- Comments should not be made about umpires or their decisions and derogatory comments should not be voiced about opponents.

