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Templeton Cricket Club

Junior Season Guide

2024/25



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Introduction

This guide provides players and parents with information for the upcoming cricket season. Parents and players should be aware of the general contents of this guide, and in particular the conduct required of all Templeton Cricket Club officials, players and parents.

Junior Cricket Program Objectives

1. To be the strongest and most professional junior club in the RDCA
2. To provide a safe, inclusive club environment that encourages diversity
3. To provide an environment that permits players to realise their potential & maximise enjoyment
4. To increase participation rates by recruiting new players and retaining current members
5. To be a sustainable source of young, skilled players that transition to senior cricket at Templeton CC

Club Executive

President:	Sean Meehan	Treasurer:	Hayden Reidy
Vice President:	Ryan Gill	Junior President:	Steve Tasevski
Director of Cricket:	Jason Disney		

Club Senior Coach

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Junior Operations Group

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Child Safety

As part of our Club's commitment to safeguarding Children and Young People, the Club Executive has adopted Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People, Australian Cricket's 'Looking After Our Kids' Code of Behaviour for Affiliated Associations and Clubs, and Australian Cricket's Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

All Junior Coaches and Team Managers are required to (i) sign the Cricket Australia Looking After Our Kids Acknowledgment Form and (ii) promote Australian Cricket's Looking After Our Kids Code of Behaviour for Affiliated Associations and Clubs.

Copies of the policy can be found at: <https://www.cricketaustralia.com.au/about/safeguarding/safeguarding-kids>

If you have any questions regarding child safety or need to report unsatisfactory behaviour contact Ben Morris (TCC Child Safety Officer) 0411 870 048, childsafety@templetoncc.com.au

Communications

Club information can be found at our website (www.templetoncc.com.au), Facebook or via our smartphone Team App. The Templeton Cricket Club app will keep you up-to-date with the latest team news.

To access our Facebook page:

1. Search for Facebook Page Templeton Cricket Club
2. Like Page
3. Click Following Button next to 'Like' symbol on Page and turn on notifications

To access the app:

1. Download Team App (<http://teamapp.com/app>).
2. Launch Team App and search for Templeton Cricket Club
3. Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
4. Search for your club's App and request access to group(s) that apply to you.

Season Fixtures

The easiest way to access the fixture is to install it into the calendar of your phone by following these instructions:
Download "PlayCricket" App from the App store:

1. Set Club as "Templeton"
2. Select 2024/25 season
3. Go to "Matches" in the menu and select the team that applies to you.
4. Select the "+" button in the top right hand corner

Match Start Times

Under 10, Under 12 & Under 18 Competitions

Day: Friday evening
Start: 5.00 pm
Tea: 10 minutes
Finish: 8.00 pm

Under 14 and Under 16 Competitions:

Day: Saturday morning
Start: 8:15 am
Tea: 10 minutes
Finish: 11:45 am

Stage 1, 2 & 3 Female Competitions:

Day: Sunday morning
Start: 9:00 am
Tea: 10 minutes
Finish: 11:30 am

Roles & Responsibilities

Junior President

Has overall responsibility for the junior program including:

- Development and implementation of the junior cricket plan;
- Appointment of team officials;
- Maintaining a safe environment for all junior players and officials;
- Ensuring adherence to the clubs codes of conduct; and
- Representing the interests of all junior members at the Club executive.

Junior Secretary

- Communications to Junior players, parents and officials;
- Liaise with the RDCA Junior Committee for all junior cricket matters;
- Manage all registrations and player lists;
- Ensuring adherence to the clubs codes of conduct; and
- Represent the interests of all junior members at the Club Executive

Squad Coordinators (U10, U12, U14, U16 & Female Cricket)

Squad Coordinators have overall responsibility for:

- Coach and team manager selection & appointment
- Coordination of team selection from total squad in conjunction with team coaches
- Work with coaches to communicate above team selections with parents / players via email & at preseason trg session
- Equipment – audit and work with Operations Coordinator to ensure coaches are equipped before and during the season
- During the season, oversee team training standards
- Be the first contact point for any issues raised by coaches, team managers and parents
- Act as intermediary between Jnr committee and team coaches, managers

Coaches

The role of the Coach is to ensure the correct development of players and coordinate all on field cricket activities including training and game day. Coaches are also responsible for the conduct of our junior players and parents during games.

Team Managers

The role of the Team Manager is to coordinate all off field cricket activities including communication with players and parents, arranging parents for duties such as scoring, equipment requirements and any other administrative tasks. This role allows coaches to focus on the development of cricketers and on field activities.

Parents

The Club welcomes and encourages the active involvement of all parents. The parents of all players can actively participate in their child's cricket at home, during training sessions and on match day. Strong parental involvement in the following areas will benefit the Club and their child's cricket experience.

Off field

- Be prepared to score, set up the oval and complete other game day duties;
- Provide positive encouragement to your child and the team during training sessions and game day always reinforcing the values of sportsmanship;
- At home encourage practice of what is taught at training; and
- The Club holds a number of social gatherings, which all junior and senior members of the club are encouraged to attend.

On field

Parents interested in coaching or managing teams are encouraged to come forward. The Club funds coaching accreditation for all parents wishing to coach a team. Assistance at training – Parents are encouraged to assist with drills at training sessions. The more helpers at training the higher the quality of coaching your child will receive.

TCC Junior Program

Team Grading

The Club provides grading recommendations to the RDCA, who then take responsibility for allocating all teams to grades. In making its recommendations the Club takes into account a number of factors:

- The overall standard of players within the team;
- Whether the majority of players are first or second year players; and
- The performance of the team and/or players in the previous season.

Grading games are played for the first two rounds of each season and depending upon results, may result in a team being shifted up or down a grade. It is extremely difficult for the club to influence any grading decision.

Team Selection

All teams are focused on participation, learning and enjoyment with the older age groups (U14s and U16s) trending towards an increased focus upon competition, team balance and skills specialisation. In finals, priority will be given to selecting players who have played the majority of their games in a particular side who are competing.

In selecting teams for each season Squad Coordinators and Team Coaches will consider the following:

- In U10s and U12s (lower grades), friendship groups and networks of players will be taken into consideration. Please note that this is not always possible due to a range of reasons including the need to have a balanced number of players in each team;
- In U12 (higher grades) and U14s priority will be given to top age children playing in the highest graded team. This is viewed as being critical for their development in order to play in an older age group the following season;
- In U14s and U16s, in addition to the above, the balance of the sides for their respective grades, trying to ensure that all teams are competitive;
- In U12s, U14s and U16s, selection will also consider player commitment to training (pre-season and in season) and the opportunity for player development within a particular side; and
- The availability of parents to undertake Coaching, Team Management and other tasks associated with running a team.

**Parents are encouraged to discuss team selection as it relates to their child with their
Team Coach or Squad Coordinator**

Merged Teams

Due the ability to accommodate a limited number of players per side, to provide all our junior members with a regular game of cricket where a squad includes more than 14 players, a merged team with another club may be pursued. In identifying a partner club, the Club will consider factors such as its experience in working with a club previously, location, reputation and culture.

In the case where the merged side will form a second side in an age group playing in a lower division, bottom age players (e.g. 9 and 10 year olds playing U12s) will be selected for the merged side ahead of top age players. Where possible, and dependent upon the maturity and cricket capability of the individual, players in the merged team will be rotated through the top division side to provide them with experience at playing at a higher level. Templeton players who play in a merged side will train with the entire Templeton squad each week and wear their Templeton shirts and caps during each game.

Player Participation Guidelines

Junior player participation guidelines are structured to provide all players with the opportunity to maximise enjoyment, develop their skills, enhance their knowledge of the game of cricket and develop an understanding of the importance of teamwork. Our

aim is to prepare and develop players' confidence and skills, enabling them to improve their cricket development throughout juniors and introduce them to senior cricket.

The participation details outlined below for each specific age group serve as a guide only, however best efforts will be made by coaches to apply them within each team.

Cricket Blast

The Cricket Blast program offers children 4 to 8 years of age the opportunity to kick start their cricket career, learn lots of new cricket skills like batting, bowling, catching and throwing, as well as social skills allowing them to make new friends and most importantly – HAVE FUN!!

Under 10/ Mini Bash Competition

Objectives:	The competition guidelines try to ensure that all players face a similar number of overs and bowl a similar number of overs in each game. There are no competition points. The emphasis needs to be on fun and player development. Extra opportunities available due to uneven numbers should be evenly spread, not just given to the stronger players.
No. Players per Team:	9-11 (ideal)
Focus:	Participation, learning and enjoyment.
Batting:	All Players will bat in each match.
Bowling:	All Players will bowl in each match.
Fielding:	Coaches will aim for players to receive broadly equal amounts of time on the field and opportunities to wicket keep. All players should be given the opportunity to keep wicket during the season, field in different positions

Under 12 & Stage 1 Competitions

Objectives:	Whilst the rules do not mandate it, the objective is for each player to get a bat and a bowl in every game. We understand that this will not always be possible due to different circumstances in a match. However a player should never get neither a bat nor a bowl.
No. Players per Team:	U12 Div 1-3, 11-12 players (ideal), Div 4-7, 9-11 players (ideal). Stage 1, 9 players (ideal).
Focus:	Participation, learning and enjoyment.
Batting:	At the beginning of the season batting orders should be rotated from match to match, taking into consideration the ability of the player. Whilst the focus is on providing opportunities to players to bat in different positions, the Club will not expose players who are not sufficiently advanced in their ability and confidence to bat against opening bowlers as it is felt that this will be detrimental to their development. Batting orders should only start to develop towards the midpoint of the season. If a player does not bat in a match, all efforts should ensure that they get a bat in the following match. Batters who have batted for long periods for two or more games should be considered for rotation down the order or retirement earlier in their innings
Bowling:	All players will get at least two overs during a 25 over match. This may not apply to players who have played wicket keeper.
Fielding:	Coaches will aim for players to receive broadly equal amounts of time on the field. Players that are showing an interest in wicket keeping should be given the opportunity to do so.

Under 14 & Stage 2 Competitions

Objectives:	The same principles apply to these age groups as to under 12, except that some specialisation will begin with players given more opportunities to develop their skills. From the beginning of the season, higher-grade teams may start to place the better batters or bowlers higher up the order in games where the competition is expected to be tougher. However, over the season, all players should be given a 'fair' chance to bat at different positions in the batting order and be encouraged to bowl to improve their skills. A player should never get neither a bat nor a bowl in a game.
No. Players per Team:	11-12 (ideal)

- Focus:** All grades will focus on a balance between competition and participation.
- Batting:** In higher grades, more of an emphasis will be placed upon using the better batsman and bowlers in competitive batting and bowling orders to give teams a better chance of winning. However over the season there should be an opportunity for those that are interested to be given their chance to improve by playing higher up the batting or bowling order. If a player does not bat in a game every effort should be made to have them bat in the following game. Batters who have batted for long periods for two or more games should be considered for rotation down the order or retirement earlier in their innings.
- Bowling:** All players should bowl a minimum of 2 overs. This may not apply to players who have played wicket keeper.
- Fielding:** Coaches will aim for players to receive broadly equal amounts of time on the field. Players who show an aptitude for wicket keeping will be given preference.

Under 16 & Stage 3 Competitions

- Objectives:** An increased focus will be placed upon competitive play and providing opportunities for players to specialise in a particular skill. Like lower age groups, **players should rarely or never have neither a bat nor a bowl in a game.**
- No. Players per Team:** 11-12 (ideal)
- Focus:** While participation is still a key factor, the competitive nature of the players will begin to be harnessed within the teams. All grades will focus on playing a competitive team with participation encompassing each player's different skill sets.
- Batting:** In these age groups some of the better batters will be able to bat for long periods, potentially meaning that the opportunities for others to bat will be limited in some games. While it is important for these players to develop their skills, it is also important for other players to be given adequate opportunities to develop and enjoy their cricket. Lower order batters should be rotated to the middle order so they are not always at 9-11. Efforts should be made to ensure that batters do not go two games in a row without a bat.
- Bowling:** In higher grades, it is likely that not all players will bowl in a match. However, if a player has missed out on batting, they should be provided with an opportunity to bowl.
- Fielding:** Coaches will aim for players to receive broadly equal amounts of time on the field. Players who show an aptitude for wicket keeping will be given preference.

Parents are encouraged to discuss player participation as it relates to their child with their Team Coach or Squad Coordinator

Players, Parents, Officials and Spectator Codes of Behaviour

As a member of the RDCA, Templeton Cricket Club is bound by the RDCA Member Protection Policy. The TCC Codes of Behaviour are compliant with this policy and their acceptance is non-negotiable. They are provided in this handbook in the interest of transparency amongst all members and families, so that expectations of the Junior President, coaches, players, parents and spectators are clearly understood. In the case of any conflict between the TCC Codes of Behaviour and the RDCA policies, the RDCA policies shall apply.

Code of Behaviour Breaches – Resolution Process

Templeton Cricket Club aims to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for junior players, parents and team officials, that is free of all forms of discrimination and harassment. As such, the Club Executive will not tolerate breaches of our Codes of Behaviour by the Junior President, coaches, players, parents and spectators (See Annexure for codes).

The Club recognises that as children who are without the benefit of experience, junior players may make mistakes that breach our Codes of Behaviour but are not of malicious intent. The Club's resolution process and penalties have been developed to consider this and provide players who transgress, the opportunity to learn from their mistakes. However major breaches will not be tolerated and the Club may choose to penalise the player with a reprimand or suspension.

The following process and penalties are guidelines and the Club Executive reserves the right to act independently in accordance with the TCC Statement of Rules¹ in relation to any player, parent/guardian, official or spectator. Members and families should note that any breach of RDCA policies may be the subject of an RDCA investigation that is independent of TCC.

Minor breaches of the Relevant Code

Examples of but not limited to:

- Minor dissent of an umpires decision (e.g. Standing at the crease for a prolonged period after being given out by the umpire)
- Minor verbal abuse (considered not to constitute a form of harassment²) of any player, official or parent
- Disrespectful behaviour towards team captains, coach and officials

Major breach of the Relevant Code or second Minor Breach in one season

Examples of but not limited to:

- Major dissent of umpires decision (verbal or physical abuse)
- Physical abuse or harassment² (including racial vilification) of any player, parent, spectator or official
- Deliberate damage of property including cricket equipment

The Junior President has the right to assess the breach and determine if it is a minor or major breach.

Processes for Reporting & Hearing a Breach of Conduct

For Minor Breaches:

Dealt with directly by the coach at the nearest convenient time. This must be done in a consultative manner with the player and with a parent/guardian present or the official/parent/guardian that has committed the breach.. The member will be issued with a warning that this constitutes a first breach and that a second breach may result in a more serious penalty including suspension. The coach must report this breach to the Junior President as soon as practicable.

For Major Breaches:

The team coach will immediately ask the player or official, parent/guardian committing the breach, to leave the ground and will then notify the parent/guardian (if it is a player breach) as soon as possible of the incident. The member (and parent if it is a player breach) will be also notified that the incident will be referred to the Club Executive. The Club shall then act in accordance with the Disciplinary Action procedures as described at Division 2, sections 18-23 of the Templeton CC Statement of Rules.

¹ Clause 18 of the TCC Statement of Rules states "The Association may take disciplinary action against a member in accordance with this Division if it is determined that the member—(a) has failed to comply with these Rules; or (b) refuses to support the purposes of the Association; or (c) has engaged in conduct prejudicial to the Association."

² As defined in the RDCA Member Protection Policy (www.RDCA.com)

RDCA Policies

The RDCA has developed a number of [policies](#) that all member clubs (including TCC) are required to abide by. Policies that are likely to impact upon all junior players are provided below.

RDCA Heat Policy

Games played in the morning

If the forecast the day before is forecasted to exceed 36 degrees Celsius, any morning matches will commence at 8.00am and conclude not later than 11.30am (irrespective of any other rule allowing for extension of playing times). Team Managers will ensure that the appropriate drinks breaks are taken.

Games played at night

If the forecast on the day of play at 2pm is forecasted to exceed 38 degrees at 5pm at Scoresby, games scheduled that night will be cancelled.

During Play

If the temperature exceeds 36 degrees, games must not start or if in progress players must leave the field. Temperature is to then be monitored every 15 minutes. Play may commence or resume if the temperature is less than 36 degrees. Play can be abandoned for the day, at any time if the Team Managers agree that the temperature is unlikely to fall. In the event of a dispute, the matter is to be referred to the Junior Executive for a ruling.

Reference point for local temperature - Bureau of Meteorology smartphone app and select current location.

The RDCA Junior Committee reserves the right to abandon any match when:

- (a) The forecast temperature for Scoresby, on any given day of a match, is 40 degrees Celsius or higher, or
- (b) The Junior Executive, advises Junior Coordinators on match day that a temperature of 36 degrees has been reached and the temperature is unlikely to fall.
- (c) If the Fire Danger rating (as specified by the CFA) for any area where a RDCA match, that is fixtured, is Extreme or above.

RDCA Adverse Weather Policy

- (a) The Junior Executive may cancel a day's play if, in its judgement, conditions are unsuitable. The Junior Secretary will notify clubs at the earliest opportunity.
- (b) Should adverse weather result in the cancellation of a full round of matches the Junior Committee shall have the power to reallocate dates for these matches 26.1

Disagreement to start play

- (a) At any time before or during the match, if there is a disagreement as to the Weather or Ground Conditions being unfit to play, the match cannot continue until such time as there is agreement between the two Team Managers.
- (b) The aggrieved team manager has the right to immediately obtain the opinion of a Junior Committee member, whose decision on the conditions will be final and binding.
- (c) If a Junior Committee Member is not available the aggrieved team manager may report the matter to the Junior Committee under Junior Rule 38. Such a report must be lodged with the Secretary of the Junior Committee in writing within 30 hours from 12:00pm following the last day of the match giving rise to a protest, charge or report.
- (d) Any Club, Team Manager and/or Individual found Guilty of deliberately causing a match to stop or become abandoned without sufficient reason may incur a penalty as determined by the Junior Committee.
- (e) Any Club, Team Manager and/or Individual found Guilty of failing to make sufficient effort to commence a match or to keep a match progressing, without sufficient reason may incur a penalty as determined by the Junior Committee.

RDCA Lightning Policy

Electrical storms and the presence of lightning is difficult to predict and can be localised in nature. The following guideline (which applies to all Senior, Junior, Veteran and representative matches) is to assist match leaders (umpires, captains and junior coaches/managers) to make a duty of care decision when faced with weather conditions causing lightning within the proximity of active cricket matches.

- a)** If lightning and thunder (flash to bang) are separated by a period of time of less than 30 seconds, then the lightning is close enough (within 10km) to be a threat. Match leaders are advised to immediately suspend play and all players and officials are to move to SAFE areas. Common sense should also prevail. If lightning is observed in your vicinity, leave the field. Do not hesitate to take the initiative and lead your players off even if the opposition and/or umpires do not agree.
- b)** A period of 30 minutes should elapse before play is resumed, that is, after seeing the last lightning flash, wait 30 minutes before leaving shelter. If during this time lightning is again observed, the 30 minutes starts again.

SAFER AREAS DURING A LIGHTNING EVENT:

- Enclosed vehicles with windows closed (car, van, bus or similar)
- Substantial enclosed buildings
- Low ground, sheltering in clumps of low bushes
- Trees of uniform height, e.g. forest or large group of trees

UNSAFE AREAS INCLUDE:

- High ground
- Open ground
- Water
- Isolated or tall trees
- Near outdoor metal structures such as fences, gates, poles, seating
- Insubstantial structures such as shade shelters and picnic sheds

FIRST AID

Victims of lightning strikes are safe to handle- they do not “retain charge”. First aiders must ensure they do not become another casualty- move the victim to a safer location. Effects of lightning strike include cardiac and respiratory arrest caused by disruption of the brains’ control centres. CPR or EAR should be given as required. It is important that even people who show no symptoms immediately after the strike receive medical attention as some effects may not be immediately obvious.

In the case of heat or wet weather, unless advised in advance by their team coach or manager, players are expected to arrive at the ground at their usual time and assume that the game will start on time.

RDCA Helmet Policy

The RDCA's policy on the wearing of helmets by junior players is listed below. As a member of the RDCA, all Templeton CC players are required to abide by this requirement.

Rule 34.2 Protective Headgear

- a. Approved protective headgear (minimum of two helmets) must be available for use in all junior matches.
- b. All players **MUST WEAR HELMETS** fitted with face guards **WHILE BATTING**, unless the player's parents or guardian has lodged an application, on a form determined by the Junior Committee, with the Junior Secretary, prior to the commencement of the season. If a player is registered during the season, a copy of any such application must be lodged with the Junior Secretary prior to commencement of the first match in which the player participates.
- c. All wicketkeepers **MUST WEAR HELMETS** fitted with face guards **WHILE WICKET KEEPING** up to the stumps, unless the club has written permission from that player's parents or guardian.
- d. The club must keep a copy of the approved application with the match scorebook. The club will present such written permission upon request by either an RDCA Junior Committee member or the team manager of the opposing team.
- e. In U/12s and below all wicketkeepers **MUST WEAR HELMETS** fitted with face guards while wicket keeping at **ALL TIMES**.
- f. Any team or player failing to comply with Rule 34.2 will not be allowed to bat or field until such time that the player/club complies with Rules 34.2 (b), (c), (d) and/or (e) as applicable.

Annexure

Junior President Code of Behaviour

As the Junior President in any activity held by or under the auspices of a Templeton Cricket Club in the Ringwood District Cricket Association, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

- 1 Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- 2 Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions. Your language, presentation, manners and punctuality should reflect high standards.
- 3 Resolve conflicts fairly and promptly through established procedures.
- 4 Maintain strict impartiality.
- 5 Be aware of your legal responsibilities.
- 6 Develop a positive sport environment by allowing for the special needs of the players (especially children), by emphasising enjoyment and by providing appropriate development and competitive experiences.
- 7 Involve players in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making relating to the activity.
- 8 Ensure activities, equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of participating players. Activities, rules, equipment, lengths of games and training schedules should take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating players.
- 9 Ensure that everyone (administrators, coaches, players, umpires, parents, spectators, sponsors and physicians) emphasise fair play in Cricket activities and games.
- 10 Where appropriate, distribute a Code of Behaviour sheet to coaches, players, umpires, parents, spectators and the media.
- 11 Protect and promote the sport of Cricket in accordance with the Spirit of Cricket.

Junior Coach Code of Behaviour

As a coach in any activity held by or under the auspices of a Templeton Cricket Club in the Ringwood District Cricket Association, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

- 1 Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same.
- 2 Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- 3 Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- 4 Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- 5 Avoid overplaying the talented players; all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities.
- 6 Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- 7 Display control and respect to all those involved in Cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- 8 Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- 9 Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest Cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people. Be honest and ensure that qualifications are not misrepresented.
- 10 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 11 Promote a climate of mutual support among your players. Encourage players to respect one another and to expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.
- 12 Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
- 13 Determine, in consultation with the players, what information is confidential and respect that confidentiality.
- 14 Provide feedback to players in a caring, sensitive manner to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
- 15 Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your players. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed toward your players from other sources while they are in your care. (Abide by RDCA Member Protection By-law).
- 16 Refrain from any form of harassment towards your players. Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio- economic status, and other conditions. (Abide by RDCA Member Protection By-law).
- 17 Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your players in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.
- 18 Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising. Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- 19 At all times use appropriate training methods which will benefit the players and avoid those which could be harmful. Ensure that the tasks, training, equipment and facilities are safe and suitable for age, experience, ability and physical and psychological conditions of the players.
- 20 Ensure the player's time spent with you is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities. Provide training and game opportunities that ensure everyone has a reasonable chance to succeed and to improve/acquire skills and develop confidence.
- 21 Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, the use of alcohol and tobacco and illegal substances. (Abide by the Cricket Victoria Anti-Doping Policy).
- 22 Recognise individual differences in players and always think of the player's long-term best interests.
- 23 Set challenges for each player which are both achievable and motivating.
- 24 Respect the fact that your goal as a coach for the player may not always be the same as that of the player. Aim for excellence based upon realistic goals and due consideration for the participant's growth and development.
- 25 At all times act as a role model that promotes the positive aspects of sport and of Cricket by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and projecting a favourable image of Cricket and of coaching at all times.
- 26 Recognise your player's rights to consult with other coaches and advisers. Cooperate fully with other specialists (e.g. sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists etc.).
- 27 Do not exploit any coaching relationship or information gained through Cricket Victoria Programs, to further personal, political, or business interests.
- 28 Encourage players and coaches to develop and maintain integrity in their relationship with others.

Junior Player Code of Behaviour

As a player in any activity held by or under the auspices of a Templeton Cricket Club in the Ringwood District Cricket Association, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

- 1 Play by the rules and within the Spirit of Cricket.
- 2 Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire during a break or after the game.
- 3 Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in Cricket.
- 4 Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- 5 Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- 6 Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- 7 Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- 8 Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- 9 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 10 Participate because you enjoy it, not just to please parents and coaches.
- 11 Participate fairly and safely.
- 12 Do not engage in practises that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use.)
- 13 Respect and acknowledge the contribution of those who create the opportunity for you to play.
- 14 Respect your coach and train and play to the best of your ability and develop your skills.

Parent / Guardian Code of Behaviour

As a parent/guardian of a player in any activity held by or under the auspices of a Templeton Cricket Club in the Ringwood District Cricket Association, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

- 1 Do not force an unwilling child to participate in Cricket.
- 2 Remember, children are involved in Cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 3 Encourage your child to play by the rules at all times.
- 4 Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- 5 Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- 6 Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- 7 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- 8 Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. If you disagree with an umpire or coach, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.
- 9 Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- 10 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 11 Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- 12 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
- 13 Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy.
- 14 Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach children to do likewise.
- 15 Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.
- 16 Do not undermine the efforts of coaches.
- 17 Encourage junior players to participate in the sport of cricket in a safe manner.

Spectator Code of Behaviour

In addition to the General Code of Behaviour, as a spectator in any activity held by, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

- 1 Most players (in particular Children) participate in Cricket activities for fun. They are not participating for the entertainment of spectators only.
- 2 Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game, congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- 3 Respect the umpires' and coaches' decisions. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach Children to do likewise.
- 4 Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
- 5 Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by administrators, coaches, players, umpires or parents/guardians.
- 6 Show respect for your team's coach, the umpire and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- 7 Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official decisions, and develop your own knowledge of the rules.
- 8 Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, and not harassing administrators, coaches, players or umpires.
- 9 Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.