

PORT MACQUARIE CROQUET CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

A code of conduct is a set of consistent guidelines for an acceptable standard of behaviour in our sport. Rule 14 in the Rules of Golf Croquet sets out examples of the accepted etiquette for croquet. Our code of conduct explains how the club expects its members and their guests to behave and provides a basis of expectation for all members, whether they are playing in Port Macquarie or at other clubs.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Play according to the rules.
2. Never argue with an official during a game. If you disagree with a decision, approach the official at the end of the game.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and other players, sledging of other players, deliberately distracting and provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviours.
4. Work equally hard for yourself, your doubles partner and your team.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud good plays.
6. Treat all participants in croquet as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with other participants. Without them there is no competition.
8. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
10. Thank the opponents and the officials at the end of each game.

If a member of our club or another club observes one of our members breaching the above guidelines, he/she should report such a breach in writing to our committee.

The club expects members to follow these guidelines. A serious breach of the guidelines will result in an appearance in front of the committee. If the breach is serious enough, the committee may deliver a verbal rebuke or a written reprimand. Extreme or repeated breaches may result in suspension from play.