



## **North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club**

### **Side Arm (Slinger) Policy**

#### **Purpose of Our Policy**

The North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club (NEWCC) is to ensure that its membership is protected on the safe use of “Sidearm” ball slingers within the club. The implications from untrained/unskilled users have the potential to cause life threatening injuries and requires North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club (NEWCC) to implement a baseline for use within the club during training, pre-game times or other club engagements.

#### **Who Our Policy Applies To**

This policy has been developed to protect the under 18 junior membership regardless of if they are playing senior or junior cricket. Additionally, where a senior member has no experience using the sidearm should also consider themselves to form part of this policy, where deemed necessary.

#### **Extent of Our Policy**

Our policy covers all matters directly and indirectly related to the North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club and its activities. In particular, the policy governs sidearm usage within the North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club in accordance with the Committees approved motion within the November 2025 Committee Meeting.

#### **Club Responsibilities**

We will:

- adopt, implement and comply with this policy
- ensure that this policy is enforceable
- publish, distribute and promote this policy and associated reference materials
- ensure that a copy of this policy is available or accessible to all people to whom this policy applies
- seek advice from DVCA, Cricket Victoria or Cricket Australia where needed

#### **Compliance with this Policy**

As of Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, the North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club (NEWCC) Committee voted on the use of sidearms within the club and the safeguarding of players under the age of 18. All players under the age of 18 are NOT to use a sidearm at club training or pre-game activities, or where they are directly engaged by the club. Upon reaching the age of 18, the player may be subject to an assessment of their ability to use the sidearm in a vacant practice net prior to being approved for official club use. This assessment will be conducted by the senior coaching staff, or other club appointed person.

Although North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club (NEWCC) cannot stop the use of a sidearm outside of club engagement, it would be encouraged where a parent/guardian has provided their child a sidearm, to obtain the relevant skills prior to approval at club level.

## **Sidearm Safety**

The speed of delivery generated by the sidearm could be dangerous if used inappropriately.

Please follow these simple safety guidelines:

- Always wear a batting helmet when facing the sidearm.
- Always throw from the full length of a cricket pitch.
- Always throw practice deliveries at the start of a session, with no batsman, to gauge the direction and pace generated by the sidearm.
- Store the sidearm above 5°C.
- Do not use the sidearm to pick up or stop moving balls.

## **How to contact the Club**

Club President: [committee@newcc.com.au](mailto:committee@newcc.com.au)

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## **Changes to this Policy**

From time to time, this Policy may be changed to reflect changing business practice or legislation requirements. If it is changed the Club will notify you of the changes in such manner as it considers appropriate.

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Club President  
**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Signed:** Connor Katsaros  
Club Secretary  
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