



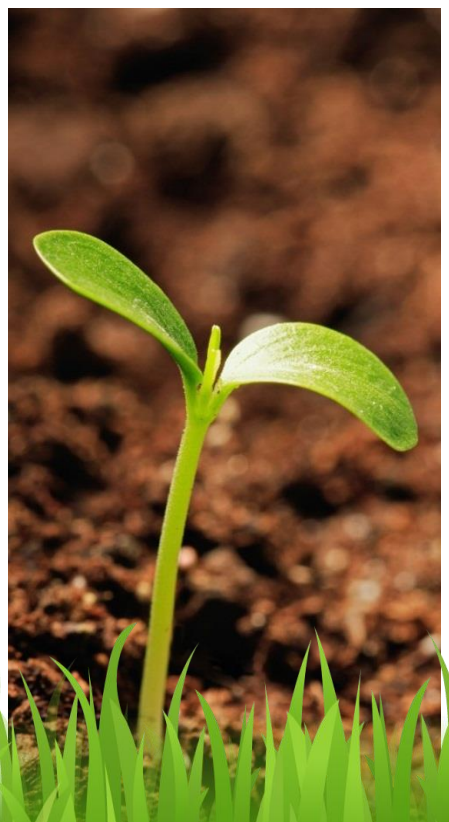
Cricket's Annual Trace in DFW...

200+ Teams	3900+ Players	30+ Grounds <small>Developed & Non-Developed</small>	
100+ Umpires	1500 Matches		Youth + Adult Leagues & Recreational
6000+ Man Hours	4500+ Water Bottles		2900 Kits Unpacking and Packing
	Dozens of Cities	3000+ Cars	
Players' Trash <small>Like Napkins, Banana Peels, Bar Wrappers</small>			

Leave No Trace Leave only good impressions...



The cricket fields are yours – Protect it!



What is Leave No Trace?

Leave No Trace in our context is an Outdoors Cricket Ethics Education Program designed to promote and inspire responsible sports recreation through education, mutual responsibility, and partnerships.

An ethic can be defined as knowing what the right thing to do is, and doing it, even if there is no one about to see you do it. Leave No Trace depends more on attitude and awareness than on policies or rules and regulations.

Why Leave No Trace?

With growth of cricket i.e. more players, games and fields year round, it is important to minimize our impacts and Leave No Trace of our visits to parks, fields and other sports facilities. Playing games that include awareness and the use of minimum impact practices conserve natural playing conditions of the outdoors which make the sports enjoyable and allows others the same experience.

As increasing numbers of communities and people seek the beauty and exhilaration of outdoor recreation, our collective mark on the environment and its natural processes, increases. Litter, disturbance to vegetation, water pollution and waste are all indicators of the need to develop an entire cricketing community wide ethics that protects our parks, fields, natural and cultural heritage. Techniques designed to minimize the social and environmental impacts to areas that we access to play cricket are incorporated into the Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics Education Program as five Principles.

Leave No Trace Principles

- Play and recreate with minimum impact
- Respect the environment and the right of others
- Educate yourself, plan and prepare before you go
- Allow for future use of the fields, leave it better than you found it
- Discover the rewards of responsible recreation

Play and recreate with minimum impact

- ✓ Stay on designated routes.
- ✓ Use the area primarily designated for cricket use.
- ✓ Avoid walking on shrubs, mulched or marshy areas.
- ✓ Place your kits outside field on stable ground.
- ✓ Take minimum gears to the field for the play.
- ✓ Observe proper sanitary and hygiene practices.
- ✓ Pack out what you pack in.
- ✓ Pack your waste out. Dispose waste properly.
- ✓ Practice minimum impact including on water resources

Respect environment and right of others

- ✓ Be considerate of others during the play
- ✓ Ensure safety of all people and more especially kids
- ✓ Play only where permitted. Don't practice while game is on.
- ✓ Leave gates "as is". Don't open or bypass locked fields.
- ✓ Don't cross or take shortcuts via private property.
- ✓ Let nature's sounds prevail. Speak softly and avoid making loud noises especially near school or residential zones.
- ✓ Avoid conflicts. Keep low profile to engage in any dispute with others.
- ✓ Take responsibility for yourself and your group.

Educate yourself, plan and prepare before you go

- ✓ Make a realistic plan. Check the weather forecast.
- ✓ Clean your cricket packs and take only needed gears.
- ✓ Understand parks and recreation policies and restrictions before hand.
- ✓ Don't bring cigarettes. Don't smoke.
- ✓ Don't leave cigarette butts. Dispose properly.

- ✓ Prepare for unexpected or any emergency situation.
- ✓ Keep emergency pack like First Aid items.
- ✓ Wear helmet, eye protection, guard and other safety gears.
- ✓ Choose proper clothing. Always wear proper cricket shoes. Don't wear spikes as it damages the ground and cricketing surface like mat.
- ✓ Know your limitations. Be physically and mentally ready for your game.
- ✓ Always leave a game itinerary with someone at home.
- ✓ Don't mix cricket with any influencing substances or medicines.
- ✓ Plan your meals and repackage food into reusable containers.
- ✓ Carry a small garden towel for cleaning and wiping.
- ✓ Make sure your vehicle is mechanically up to task including certificates.
- ✓ Start early. Don't overspeed. Yield to pedestrians, families and cyclists.

Allow for future use of the field and leave it better than you found it

- ✓ Carry two trash bag - 1st in your kit and 2nd in your vehicle.
- ✓ Pick up and take out all litter - yours and others.
- ✓ Don't take vehicles into fields for easy loading or unloading.
- ✓ Do not snap branches off live, dead or downed trees.
- ✓ Never feed or leave food for animals and wildlife.

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation

- ✓ Playing cricket provides the opportunity to getaway from the rush of everyday life and offers social fulfillment.
- ✓ Careless playing or littering can cause community and credibility damage. It may result closing of parks for cricket in the future.
- ✓ Let's enrich everyone's outdoor experience including cricket.
- ✓ By using common sense and common courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow.

Leave No Trace includes indoor facilities!

We all like to play indoor cricket every now and then. But did you know that it's a lot of work to keep these sport centers clean? Not only do you have the seating areas to keep clean and tidy, but you also must clean the playing court, snack and presentation areas. No one likes finding an old piece of chewing gum stuck to the bottom of their seat. As cricketers, let's not make a mess and use the bins provided. Let's quite happily clean up our own mess before we leave and ensure a positive impression of our community.





Nomination for:

Leave No Trace Champion Award

(Submit this application to your organizer.)



Player Name

_____ (First)

_____ (Last)

Team Name

Field Name

_____ (Date)

_____ (Umpire Signature)

_____ (Team Captain Signature)

Nomination Text:





"The OCCT's Leave No Trace program builds awareness, appreciation and respect for our public park places. It up-level people skills, organizational capability and collective ethical responsibility to minimize our impact on sporting facilities and local communities."



OCCT is a cricket council in TX and regional Center of Excellence (CoE) with mission is to empower cricket players, lovers and enthusiasts to enjoy the outdoors game responsibly through a modern framework and sports stewardship in partnership with the cities and parks & recreation officials. OCCT's educational message, along with its training and Leave No Trace initiative is designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in entire cricketing community including fans that participate in leagues and tournaments. The program is long-term in scope with a goal to build awareness, appreciation and respect for our public recreation places; and balance the needs of the players and local communities who enjoy parks and outdoors recreation with the needs of environment. The program up-skills people to do this by practicing simple techniques discussed in this booklet and our rulebooks.

JOIN THE FUTURE NOW...

Are you excited or have new ideas?

Join us and become part of happenings...

Get involved and transform cricket in DFW

- [Join our Facebook Group](#)
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As OCCT and our cricket community continues to grow, we thank you for the support you have extended towards promoting Leave No Trace program. It is because of your commitment to Leave No Trace mission that we can raise the quality of our experience, games and prevent any credibility damage.

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