



Meopham Cricket Club

CODE OF CONDUCT for Members, Guests & Spectators

Cricket is played for enjoyment. Be fair, positive and have fun.

At Meopham Cricket Club, we expect the highest standards of sportsmanship to be displayed by all Club Members, whether they are players, officials, parents or spectators, along with their guests, both on and off the field. Participation, at whatever level and in whatever capacity, should always reflect the "spirit of the game". All participants should be treated with the utmost respect. The use of crude or abusive language, or offensive gestures, will not be tolerated. Similarly, any conduct which offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies any other person on the basis of that person's age, race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin will not be deemed acceptable.

Cricket Staff and Volunteers¹

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket
- Treat everyone equally and do not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, religion, race, sexual orientation or disability
- If you see any form of discrimination, do not condone it or allow it to go unchallenged
- Place the well-being and safety of the Young Person above the development of performance
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with Young People, based on mutual trust and respect
- Ensure that physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the Young Person's full consent and approval
- Always work in an open environment (e.g. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment)
- Do not engage in any form of sexually related contact with a Young Player². This is strictly forbidden as is sexual innuendo, flirting or inappropriate gestures and terms
- Know, understand and follow the ECB 'Safe Hands' Policy and Procedures any other relevant guidelines issued
- Respect Young People's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket
- Inform Players and Parents of the requirements of Cricket
- Be aware of and report any conflict of interest as soon as it becomes apparent
- Display high standards of language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation
- Do not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with Young People in the Club. This reflects a negative image and could compromise the safety of the Young People
- Do not give Young People alcohol when they are under the care of the Club/ League/County Board
- Hold relevant qualifications and insurance cover
- Ensure the activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual

- Promote the positive aspects of Cricket e.g. fair play
- Display high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Ensure that you attend appropriate training to keep up to date with your role and the Welfare of Young People
- Report any concerns you may have in relation to a Young Person, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB

Players

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below. All players must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the club.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Use of mobile phones is banned from changing rooms when juniors may be present

Parents/Carers, Visitors & Spectators

- Encourage your child to learn the Laws of Cricket and play within the spirit of these Laws.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials or coaches.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements without argument or comment.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy cricket and to develop within it.
- Do not forget, children are involved in organized sport for their enjoyment and not yours.

If a breach of the provisions or principles of this Code occurs or is reasonably suspected to have occurred the Club reserves the right to take such action as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to asking the person responsible for the breach to leave the Club premises. Any disciplinary or complaint hearings in connection with a breach of these rules shall be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedure as set out in the Club constitution or Cricket Section Regulations as may be amended from time to time.

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