



Wisborough Green Cricket Club

Code of Conduct / Rules for Members & Guests

Members and Guests of Wisborough Green Cricket Club are required to abide by the provisions of this Code of Conduct and any subsequent updates as may be in force from time to time, and by their presence on club premises or at club events or activities are deemed to have accepted and to abide by the provisions of this Code and any other relevant Codes of Conduct, Rules or Regulations the Club has adopted.

All Members and Guests of Wisborough Green Cricket Club will:

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket

Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief

Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed

Display high standards of behaviour

Promote the positive aspects of Cricket e.g. fair play

Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials

Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials

Recognise good performance not just match results

Place the well-being and safety of children above the development of performance

Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual

Respect children's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket

Not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with children in the Club.

Not provide children with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club

Follow ECB guidelines set out in the 'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' and any other relevant guidelines issued

Report any concerns in relation to a child, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB

In addition to the above, all Club Officers and Appointed Volunteers will:

Have been appropriately vetted, if required, before taking on their role

Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance

Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment)

Inform Players and Parents of the requirements of Cricket

Know and understand the ECB's 'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children'

Develop an appropriate working relationship with young players, based on mutual trust and respect

Ensure that physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the young player's full consent and approval

Not engage in any form of sexually related contact with a young player. This is strictly forbidden as is sexual innuendo, flirting or inappropriate gestures and terms. The ECB adopts the Home Office guidelines which recommend the principle -"People in positions of trust and authority do not have sexual relationships with 16-17 year olds in their care"

Attend appropriate training to keep up to date with their role, especially that relating to the Safeguarding of children

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.

Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Player's conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

Umpires

The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting

- Damaging the pitch

- Dangerous or unfair bowling

- Tampering with the ball

- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

Respect

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents

- Your own captain

- The roles of the umpires

- The game's traditional values

It is against the Spirit of the Game:

To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture

To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire

To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:

(a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out

(b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing

(c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.

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