



Code of Conduct for Junior Cricketer's Parents / Guardian

At Morpeth Cricket Club we actively encourage parental support of all kinds. However, the cricket club is a place where young people should be able to play without fear of failure. When practicing or playing, parents must refrain from moving the fielders, shouting instructions or anything other than constructive encouragement. Learning by making mistakes is a vital part of a cricketing education, so please do not be afraid to let young cricketers try and fail, rather than stifling them. If it is appropriate, the Coach / Team manager will talk to them quietly after the activity to point out any mistakes that were made.

All Parents / Guardians / Carers of Junior Cricketer's at Morpeth Cricket Club will abide by the following code of conduct:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them, actively discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- 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. Discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with officials. Display high standards of behaviour.
- Be respectful towards all coaches, players, umpires and other club representatives.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Do their utmost to provide help whenever asked by team managers requiring transport to / from games, to avoid games being cancelled.
- Ensure your child wears cricket equipment as per club rules – for matches the minimum safety equipment comprises batting pads, gloves, protective box (boys only), helmet and cricket boots or sports shoes providing adequate protection for their feet.
- Treat everyone equally and do not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, ethnic origin, nationality, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief.
- Do not condone, or allow to go unchallenged any form of discrimination if witnessed, challenge the person(s) making the remarks asking them to cease immediately.
- Place the well-being and safety of Young People above the development of performance. Ensuring activities are appropriate for the age, experience and ability of the individual.
- Do not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with Young People in the Club, nor provide Young People with alcohol when under the care of the Club.
- Report any concerns in relation to a Young Person using ECB reporting procedures, including reporting concerns to the Club Welfare Officer (Dai Richards/Bob Biggs).

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