

BLEDLow RIDGE CRICKET CLUB

Meadow Styles Sports Ground, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge



Players Code of Conduct

Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club (the Club) is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct at cricket matches both on and off the field. All players, by virtue of their registration with the Club, explicitly agree to abide by this Code of Conduct, which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket, and are bound by the provisions in these Regulations. Below are listed a number of specific areas that players and members are required to be aware of. In general however, it is the responsibility of all members of the club to conduct themselves in a way that does not bring the club into disrepute.

1. Pre - match

- 1.1 It is the responsibility of players to communicate their availability to the Selection Committee (SC). This should be done by keeping their Teamsnap availability up to date and wherever possible no later than the Tuesday preceding a game.
- 1.2 Whilst the SC will always be prepared to discuss selection rationale with individuals, players are required to accept the decisions of the SC and give their full commitment to the team for which they are selected.
- 1.3 Players should arrive at the ground they are playing at on time as per the selection email. If for any reason they are unable to do so, they should notify the captain at the earliest opportunity
- 1.4 Players are required to play in club kit as supplied by the Club or one its approved suppliers. If for any reason this is not possible, players should wear generic whites that do not bear the logo of any other club.
- 1.5 Match fees should be paid to the team captain (or his designated deputy) on the day of the match.

2. On the pitch

- 2.1 The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws. Instructions given by the captain or vice-captain to players regarding conduct on the pitch must be followed at all times.
- 2.2 Decisions regarding all aspects of play (e.g. batting order, who bowls, fielding positions) are for the team officials (captain & vice-captain) to make. All players will comply with these decisions fully.
- 2.3 Players and club officials must accept the umpire's decision without exception. Players and club officials must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player or a spectator.

- 2.4 Players and club officials shall not intimidate assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player, a club official or a spectator. This includes behaviour which may bring the club into disrepute such as excessive appealing.
- 2.5 Players and club officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language, nor make offensive gestures or hand signals, nor deliberately distract an opponent.
- 2.6 Players and club officials shall not use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

3 General

- 3.1 All members of the club must treat the club's facilities with respect and make appropriate efforts to keep the club in good order.
- 3.2 Players must be aware of the presence of junior players (U18) in senior cricket and ensure that their behaviour is appropriate, irrespective of which team such players are representing.
- 3.3 Players, club officials and members shall not make any public or media comment which is detrimental to the Club, umpires, fellow players or the game in general. Media shall include (but is not necessarily limited to) press, radio, television, external websites, club websites, social networking sites.
- 3.4 Players and club officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
- 3.5 Players and club officials shall not disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of this Code other than to report any such breach to a member of the playing committee.

4 Breach

If a member of the club has concerns that any aspect of this code has been breached, they should in the first instance report their concerns to a member of the playing committee (or the junior committee if appropriate).

If the committee believes there is a case to answer, they will investigate in line with the club's disciplinary guidelines and, at their own discretion, take action against the individual(s) concerned, or refer the matter to the general committee for a formal disciplinary process.

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