



Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

Code of conduct for Children & Young People

This Code of Conduct has been developed using guidance from the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit

Note: The term 'children' or 'child' describes any person under the age of **18**.

As a young person taking part in our club, we'd like you to:

The essentials

- keep yourself safe by listening to your coaches, behaving responsibly and speak out when something isn't right
- when you're with us, stay in the places where you're supposed to, don't wander off or leave the session or match without telling your coaches or team manager
- take care of our equipment and premises as if they were your own
- make it to practices and matches on time and if you're running late, ask your parent or guardian to let your coach or team manager know
- bring the right kit to practice and matches, and wear appropriate kit for the weather including a hat and suncream when the weather is warm
- not smoke or consume alcohol on our premises or during practices, competitions or when representing us

Behaviour

- respect and celebrate difference in our club or activity and not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation or ability
- report any incidents of bullying to a member of staff, even if you're just a witness
- treat other young people with respect and appreciate that everyone has different levels of skill and talent
- make our club or activity a welcoming and friendly place to be
- support and encourage your team mates. Tell them when they've done well and be there for them when they're struggling

- respect our coaches, team managers and club officials, those from other teams, and their young players
- be a good sport, celebrate when we win and be gracious when we lose
- play by the rules and have fun
- follow our guidelines for the use of Social Media, texts, apps, email and messaging services
- get involved in club or activity decisions, it's your sport too

As a young person taking part, we understand you have the right to:

- enjoy the time you spend with us and know that you're safe
- be told who you can talk to if something's not right
- be listened to
- be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club or activity
- be respected by us and other team members and be treated fairly
- feel welcomed, valued and not judged based on your race, gender, sexuality or ability
- be encouraged and develop skills with our help
- be looked after if there's an accident or injury and have your parents informed if needed

We expect all young people to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any young person behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with parent's/carer's involvement and aim to resolve the issue.

Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking you to leave the activity, event or club permanently, for the welfare of other young people and our staff. This is something we never want to do.

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