

Essex Cricket

Anti-Discrimination Code

Introduction

This Anti-Discrimination Code (the Code) is part of the Essex Cricket's continuing efforts to maintain the integrity, diversity and inclusivity of cricket.

We aim to create an environment within cricket in which no individual, group or organisation experiences discrimination or acts in a discriminatory manner on the basis of a Protected Characteristic (as defined in the Equality Act 2010 – which at the time of writing are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

This Code therefore sets out discriminatory behaviour which, when carried out by a participant who is required to comply with it, will be a breach of the Code and may be sanctioned accordingly.

All Participants (as defined below) agree by virtue of their involvement in cricket in Essex to be bound by this Code and submit to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the relevant body which applies to them.

As set out by the ECB, all County Cricket Boards, First Class Counties, the National Counties, leagues, clubs and other organisations under the jurisdiction of the ECB or its Members must adopt and enforce the Anti-Discrimination Code. As a County Cricket Board who is party to an ECB agreement and in receipt of ECB funding, we will enforce the provisions of the Code through our own processes.

The Code may be amended from time to time by Essex Cricket in its sole discretion, with such amendments coming into effect on the date specified by the Essex Cricket

Breaches Under the Anti-Discrimination Code

Cricket Organisation means:

- (a) clubs and leagues which are affiliated to the Essex Cricket or any of its Members
- (b) Essex County Cricket Club, Essex Cricket in the Community and any other delivery arms of the Essex Cricket
- (c) any other organisations which adopt this Code.

Participant means:

- (a) Cricket Organisations;
- (b) employees, contractors, directors, officials, coaches, managers and volunteers, in each case, of the Essex Cricket or any Cricket Organisation;
- (c) match officials including members of the Association of Cricket Officials;
- (d) members of the ECB Coaches Association;

- (e) an individual taking part in a cricket match or event under the jurisdiction of the ECB and/or Essex Cricket and/or any ECB Member; and
- (f) any other individual who becomes bound by this Code.

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1. It will be a breach of this Code for any Participant to:

1.1. act in any manner, make any omission, or engage in any conduct, which (in the opinion of a reasonable person) does or is likely to, offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage and/or vilify any person or group of people, based on, or by reference to, any Protected Characteristic; and/or

1.2. make any decision or any omission or do anything which might reasonably be deemed to discriminate against any person, or group of people, or to disadvantage that individual or group based on any Protected Characteristic unless permitted by law; and/or in instances where the Participant is an organisation

1.3. fail to provide an effective, timely and proportionate response to an alleged breach under paragraphs 1.1 and/or 1.2 above, carried out by any individual or organisation under the jurisdiction of the Participant.

2. The breaches referenced in paragraph 1 shall apply regardless of whether the Protected Characteristic(s) around which the breach is based applies to the person or people to whom the offending conduct is directed.

Example

If a player makes a homophobic comment directed at another player during a match, regardless of whether that other player belongs to the group referred to, this would amount to a breach of the Anti-Discrimination Code.

3. Any breach of this Code may also constitute an offence or breach of other applicable laws, rules and/or regulations. This Code is intended to supplement such other laws, rules and regulations and is not intended, and may not be interpreted, construed or applied, to prejudice or undermine in any way the application of such other laws, rules and/or regulations. Participants therefore acknowledge and agree that this Code does not limit their responsibilities or obligations under other laws, rules and/or regulations.

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