

# Essex Cricket

## Code of conduct for parents and carers

We expect all parents to follow the behaviors and requests in this Code of Conduct. When we refer to 'parents', we mean parents and carers inclusively. Parents should complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us immediately if anything changes.

Parents should be assured that their child is safe during their time with us. Details of the Safeguarding Officer responsible for your child are below. As a parent of a child participating in representative cricket, we expect you to follow the following points.

- Encourage your child to play by the Laws and within the Spirit of Cricket
- Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct
- Talk to your child about how to show good etiquette and sportsmanship when playing
- Take the time to talk to your child about what you both want to achieve.
- Ensure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly, or let us know if you're running late or if your child is going home with someone else
- Make sure your child has the correct kit for the session, as well as enough food, drink and sun cream for matches or training sessions.
- Ensure your child wears all pads, gloves, helmets and, for boys, a cricket box in appropriate cricket underwear. Ensure that they are correctly adjusted. If needed, speak to their coach.
- Listen when your child says they don't want to do something
- Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach. Talk to them if you are concerned about any part of your child's involvement.
- Try to learn about your child's sport and what it means.
- It's not all about winning; children should know you're proud of what they're doing
- The way you react and behave affects not just your child but other children too
- Encourage your child to respect and celebrate differences in the club
- Lead by example when it comes to positive behavior on the sidelines, or let other parents take their cues from you, as well as from us
- Behave positively on the sidelines, clap and cheer players on supportively
  - Don't shout and direct match play or make negative comments about players from either team. It is the team manager's role to coordinate players and the match.
- Accept the decisions of the umpires and do not enter the field of play
- Use social media responsibly, and ensure you do not use the image of any other children than your own
- Be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club or activity
- Know what training and qualifications our staff have

If any parent behaves in a way that contradicts any of the above points, we will address the concern and aim to resolve the issue.

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