



# GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & GROUND REGULATIONS

- All matches are played in accordance with the rules and regulations of the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB). The Ground Regulations apply to all Essex home venues.
- Play cannot be guaranteed on any day.
- Refund of admission charges will not be made, unless otherwise advised at the time of ticket purchase. In certain circumstances and at the discretion of the management of Essex Cricket, rain check tickets may be issued in the event of there being very little play on any one day. Some matches, under the jurisdiction of the ECB, may be covered by 'Rain Check Schemes', details of which will be printed on the admission ticket.
- All persons entering the ground shall have both paid for admission and received an appropriate ticket or be in possession of a currently valid Membership card, appropriate complimentary ticket or pass. It is the responsibility of Members and ticket holders to scan in and out of the ground, especially if they intend to return in the same day. Re-admission is not permitted at Vitality Blast fixtures and the management reserve the right to amend this regulation for certain events.
- The sale of Memberships and tickets are subject to terms and conditions. Please visit [www.essexcricket.org.uk](http://www.essexcricket.org.uk) for further information.
- Admission and the right to remain in the ground is strictly on the condition that spectators shall not commit any of the following acts:
  - Failing to comply with the directions given by a member of the ground authority including, but not limited to, stewards, security staff and Police Officers.
  - Going onto the playing area at any time or interfering with the normal course of play in any manner. (On some matchdays, spectators may walk on the outfield or play using soft balls during the lunch and tea intervals). Spectators are not allowed on the outfield, at any time, during Twenty20, Tourist and televised matches. This is at management's discretion.
  - Throwing or discharging missiles
  - Leave belongings unattended
  - Obstructing any gangway, passageway, or alleyway.
  - Climbing on any seat, building, wall, fence, fitting or fixture.
  - Defacing or obscuring any notice or advertisement displayed within the Club premises.
  - Offering for sale on the ground any newspapers, periodicals, or any other articles without the express permission of the Club management.
  - Interfering in any way with the comfort, enjoyment or safety of spectators or players, including:
    - The use of any anti-social or discriminatory language or gestures.
    - Making unnecessary noise such as that from the use of radios, whistles, bells, cans or persistent chanting, in any part of the ground.
    - Unreasonably obstructing the view of other spectators.
    - Carrying offensive weapons of any kind.
    - Causing damage to, including writing upon, any of the Club's premises.
- Essex Cricket accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to property or injury to persons whilst on the Club's premises.
- It is not permissible to add to the height of a seat on the ground by using any method which obstructs the view of those seated behind (this includes the practice of stacking chairs). The reserving of seats for friends not on the ground is not within the spirit of fair play to fellow spectators. All visitors are therefore asked to show consideration for others in not blocking more than one seat for this purpose and the Club reserves the right to remove items 'reserving' such seats.
- To comply with The Health Act 2006, Essex Cricket has adopted a smoking ban in all stands, seated areas, enclosed areas, buildings, doorways, staircases and all food & drink dispensing areas. Smoking will only be permitted in other areas of the ground (i.e. pathways & car park). This includes all forms of electronic smoke simulation.
- Bare torsos are not permitted in the Doug Insole Pavilion, in the Members' benches or the hospitality areas of the ground.
- Spectators cannot bring flags, banners, clothing or other signs that are offensive, racist, or commercially or politically motivated. Flags or banners containing poles or sticks will not be permitted into the ground.
- No metal tipped umbrellas, metal cutlery or breakable kitchenware can be brought into the ground.
- No dogs are allowed to be brought into The Cloud County Ground on matchdays, apart from working dogs.
- Children aged under 18 months old can enter the ground for free of charge but require a ticket, which can be obtained from the Membership & Ticketing Office. Children aged 14 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. Ticket holders and Members should be mindful of personal safety during practice sessions and matches.

## ALCOHOL POLICY

- The Club operates a Think 25 policy for the sale of alcohol.
- The Club reserves the right to:
  - Close bars at any time and restrict the consumption of alcohol.
  - Refuse admission to any person.
  - Limit the Importation of Alcohol to a maximum of 4 cans of beer/lager/cider or one bottle of wine per person (decanted onto a plastic container) for the Vitality County Championship and Metro Bank One Day Cup.

This is at management's discretion, except as provided for in regulation 16.
- The importation of alcohol is banned for all Twenty20, televised and other selected matches.
- The Cloud County Ground is a glass-free venue with no importation allowed at any time.
- Blocks 30 and 31 is a designated Family area for all matches and a junior must be in the group to book these seats. Blocks 28 and 29 is open to all spectators but is strictly alcohol-free stands.

## TELEPHONY & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- The flying of drones or any other human controlled aerial object above any part ground is prohibited without the specific permission from The Civil Aviation Authority and the Club.
- During the hours of play, radios may only be used with earpieces or headphones.
- Phone calls should not be made in seated areas of the ground.
- Filming, photography and broadcasting takes place during events at the ground. All persons at the ground give their express consent to the use of their actual or simulated likeness and voice in connection with the production, exploitation and advertising of the event without compensation or credit, throughout the world.
- The use of the Club's complimentary Wi-Fi is in accordance with the terms & conditions proposed at the point of connection.
- Use a mobile telephone, computer or other kind of communication device either (i) to communicate or in any way transmit any form of commentary, data or other material in relation to a cricket match taking place at the ground for any kind of improper betting or other corrupt or unlawful purpose; or (ii) to conduct betting activity in a public pitch-facing part of the ground in a way which, in the Club (or its appointed nominee's) opinion, otherwise brings the game or the Club into disrepute or which offends (or is likely to offend) other spectators.

Any person who is reasonably suspected by Essex Cricket (or its appointed nominees), of acting in breach of this provision unconditionally accepts and agrees that they will cooperate with any enquiries made by the Club (or its appointed nominees), including by providing their name and address, an explanation for their suspicious conduct, and/or agreeing that they may be photographed and/or filmed by Essex Cricket (or its appointed nominees).

The person accepts that any such names, addresses, photographs and films may be shared between each of the ECB, all the other first-class county clubs, relevant official cricket authorities and any relevant police and crime prevention authorities, for the purposes of any criminal investigations or proceedings, in connection with any investigation into a potential breach of domestic or international cricket anti-corruption rules and/or to enable the ECB and the other first-class county clubs to give reciprocal effect to any ban on entry which is subsequently imposed by Essex Cricket. Personal data collected under this provision will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Any person who is reasonably suspected to be in breach of this provision accepts that he/she may be immediately ejected from the ground (without any financial or other compensation) and prohibited from entering the ground and any other cricket ground under the control of either the ECB or any first-class county club for life or such other period of time as Essex Cricket deems appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion.

The above regulations are issued alongside ECB regulations and guidelines. The Ground Authority, Stewards, Security Staff or Police will ask any offender contravening the Ground Regulations to leave the ground and they will not be re-admitted and could be liable for prosecution.

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Ground Regulations can also be found at [www.essexcricket.org.uk](http://www.essexcricket.org.uk)