



Code of conduct for Parents and Carers

At Essex Cricket, we recognise the vital role that parents and carers play in the development and enjoyment of young cricketers. To ensure a safe, supportive, and positive environment for all, we ask that all parents and carers adhere to this Code of Conduct.

Parental Responsibilities

Parents and carers must:

- Complete all required consent, contact, and medical forms, updating the club promptly with any changes.
- Ensure their child understands and follows their own Code of Conduct.
- Encourage their child to play by the Laws and the Spirit of Cricket.
- Support their child's enjoyment, effort, and improvement rather than focusing solely on winning.
- Celebrate their child's successes and help them learn from setbacks.
- Listen to their child's concerns and respect their choices regarding participation.

Behaviour at Matches and Training

To promote a positive sporting atmosphere, parents and carers must:

- Behave respectfully on the sidelines, encouraging fair play and good sportsmanship.
- Avoid shouting, swearing, or displaying aggressive behaviour.
- Refrain from coaching or instructing their child during matches or training sessions.
- Accept the decisions of umpires and refrain from entering the field of play.
- Acknowledge and support the performances of all players, not just their own child.
- Respect the Essex Eagles coaching philosophy and the team's developmental approach.

Respect for Coaches and Officials

To foster a collaborative environment, parents and carers should:

- Trust and respect the decisions made by coaches, umpires, and club officials.
- Maintain open and constructive communication with their child's coach.
- Understand that coaches will not be able to give individual feedback about a child's performance after sessions.
- Address any concerns privately with the coach or Safeguarding Officer, rather than in front of their child or others.

Child Safety and Wellbeing

Ensuring the safety of young cricketers is paramount. Parents and carers must:

- Ensure their child arrives on time for sessions and is collected promptly. Notify the club if someone else will be picking them up.
- Provide their child with the correct kit, including all required protective equipment.
- Support safeguarding policies and promptly report any concerns to the Club's Safeguarding Officer.

Social Media and Online Conduct

To ensure respectful online behaviour, parents and carers must:

- Use social media responsibly, refraining from posting negative comments about players, coaches, or officials.
- Avoid posting images or videos of other children without parental consent.
- Ensure their child does not attempt to connect with coaches or managers on social media platforms.

Commitment to the Team

Parents and carers play an important role in fostering team spirit and should:

- Encourage their child to attend all training sessions and matches, notifying the club in advance of absences.
- Support team activities and volunteer where possible to contribute to a positive club community.
- Understand that team selection and field placements are the responsibility of the coach.

Positive Role Modelling

Parents and carers influence not only their own child but the wider cricketing environment. They should:

- Lead by example by showing respect, promoting inclusion, and celebrating diversity within the team.
- Avoid placing undue pressure on their child, ensuring that enjoyment is prioritised over winning.
- Recognise that their behaviour impacts the experience of all players, parents, and coaches.

Financial and Administrative Responsibilities

To support club operations, parents and carers must:

- Ensure all necessary fees are paid on time.
- Provide accurate and up-to-date information on any required documentation.

Compliance and Consequences

If a parent or carer behaves in a manner that contradicts this Code of Conduct, the club will take appropriate action to resolve the issue in the best interests of the children involved.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, parents and carers contribute to a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable cricketing environment for all.

For any safeguarding concerns, please contact the **County Safeguarding Officers**:

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