



CRICKET SHROPSHIRE CODE OF CONDUCT

In becoming a Cricket Shropshire, coach, participant, parent/carer or spectator, you agree to be bound by the following Code of Conduct.

All players, managers and coaches, parents/guardians and spectators are asked to:

- Be aware of and have read and agree to adhere to this code of conduct
- Play cricket within the Laws and Spirit of the Game
- Always accept that the Manager and Coach of each respective age group/team have total responsibility, before, during and after matches, for the conduct and behaviour of players in their charge. Coaches and Managers are responsible for preparation and selection of the squad and should receive cooperation from all.

Parents and Carers

Ensure your child has correct kit, food, drink and any medication .

Arrive on time and ensure child is picked up promptly.

Ensure all information is up to date.

Ensure fees are paid.

Build and maintain relationships with coaches.

Ensure you use social media appropriately to comment on any Cricket Shropshire activity.

Talk to us about your concerns.

Listen to your child about what they want to achieve in cricket.

Never force your child to take part.

Be positive and encouraging, support their involvement and help they enjoy it.

Discourage unfair play.

Encourage sporting behaviour.

Help your child to recognise good performance not just results.

Never punish or belittle a child for poor performance or mistakes.

Be a positive role model in how you conduct yourself, including using appropriate language at all times.

Accept officials' decisions.

Ensure your child understands their code of conduct.

Managers and Coaches

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket.

Treat everyone equally and do not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, religion, race, sexual orientation or disability.

Celebrate difference.

Place the well-being and safety of children and Young Person above the development of performance.

Develop an appropriate working relationship with children and Young People, based on mutual trust and respect.

Develop positive relationships with parents/carers.

Do not engage in any behaviour that constitutes any form of bullying, abuse or exploitation.

Ensure that physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the Young Person's full consent and approval.

Always work in an open environment.

Do not engage in any form of sexually related contact with a Young Player. This is strictly forbidden as is sexual innuendo, flirting or inappropriate gestures and terms.

Respect Young People's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket.

Display high standards of language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation, be a positive role model.

Do not smoke, vape, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with Young People.

Do not give Young People alcohol, cigarettes, vapes or illegal substances.

Hold relevant qualifications and insurance cover. Ensure you attend all mandatory training.

Ensure the activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and

ability of the individual.

Promote the positive aspects of Cricket e.g. fair play

Implement ECB Safe Hands policy.

Ensure risk assessments are up to date and shared appropriately.

Behave appropriately in relation to social media, abiding by Cricket Shropshire's social media policy.

Report any concerns you may including low level concerns and poor practice to the county safeguarding officer 020 7432 1200, or contact us via our Cricket Shropshire website.

Players

You must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.

Listen to your coaching team, follow advice and guidance.

You must respect your team, opponents and officials.

Celebrate difference and do not discriminate.

Support and encourage team mates.

Celebrate success, be gracious in defeat.

Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions.

Wear suitable kit for training and match sessions.

Take care of equipment, premises and grounds.

Do not smoke or vape whilst representing the Cricket Shropshire.

Do not consume alcohol or drugs of any kind.

Do not engage in any bullying or abusive behaviour.

Speak out if you are worried about something.

Please note:-

In accordance with ECB Directives, it is the Cricket Shropshire policy that all cricketers under the age of 18 who participate in matches or coaching sessions under its jurisdiction will be expected to wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting and when wicket keeping or fielding close in front of the wickets.

No player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 7.3 metres from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the bater has played at the ball. For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 10 metres. These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.

In addition, any player in the Under 16 to Under 18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 5.5 metres of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.

Fast Bowling Guidelines

| Age | Max overs per spell | Max overs per day |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Up to 13 | 4 | 8 |
| Under 14 and 15 | 5 | 10 |
| Under 16 and 17 | 6 | 18 |

Spectators

Be aware of your responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour.

Applaud effort and good play as well as success.

Respect officials.

Let coaches and team managers do their job.

Encourage players to respect each other, their opposition, officials and coaches.

Do not criticise players for making mistakes.

Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

Raise concerns directly with us.