



## **PYRFORD CRICKET CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CRICKETERS & GUESTS**

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#### **All Members and Guests of Pyrford Cricket Club will:**

- respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket.
- treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief
- not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed
- display high standards of behaviour
- promote the positive aspects of cricket e.g. fair play
- encourage all participants to learn the Laws of Cricket and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials
- actively discourage unfair play, rule violations, on field dissent, vandalism and arguing with match officials
- recognise good performance not just match results
- place the well-being and safety of young people above the development of performance
- ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual
- respect young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket
- not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with Young People in the Club.
- not provide Young People with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club
- follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued
- report any concerns in relation to a young person, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB
- not use "social networking" (for example, Facebook, Twitter) to adversely comment on match officials or opposition team members

#### **In addition to the above, all Club Officers and appointed volunteers will:**

- hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance
- always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment)
- inform players and parents of the requirements of cricket
- know and understand the ECB's 'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children'

If any member or guest has any questions relating to this policy or any concerns they wish to raise please contact:

- ◆ **Simon Clifton** (Colts Manager)
- ◆ **Paula Clifton** (Welfare Officer)

#### **Guidelines for dealing with incidents and accidents**

- Stay calm but act swiftly and observe the situation.  
Is there danger of further injuries?  
Listen to what the injured person is saying.  
Alert the qualified first aider who should take appropriate action for minor injuries.  
In the event of an injury requiring specialist treatment, call the emergency services – 999.  
The telephone number for NHS Direct is: 0845 46 47.
- Deal with the rest of the group and ensure that they are adequately supervised and safe. Do not move someone with major injuries.  
Wait for the emergency medics.  
Contact the injured person's parent/carer/guardian.
- Complete an Incident/Accident Report Form

#### **ECB Code of Conduct for Young People**

Pyrford Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. We believe that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/carers or guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

As a member of Pyrford Cricket Club you are expected to abide by the following junior code of conduct:

- all members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- all members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as directed and agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior Members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior Members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
- Junior members to behave safely and sensibly during practice sessions and follow the coaches instruction to refrain from using crude or abusive language to pay your membership fee prior to joining PyrfordCC

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing the opportunity for you to play the game and enjoy playing cricket.
- Junior members must not demonstrate on or off field dissent to officials
- Junior members must respect PCC property and the premises/property of hosting clubs. Any activity construed as vandalism will result in disciplinary proceedings.
- Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to adults and team mates.
- Recognise that every young player has a right to expect their involvement in cricket to be safe and free from all types of abuse.
- Understand that if an individual or group of young players feel they are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, then you have a right to tell an adult either at the cricket club or outside the game.

Players should:

- Play because you want to do so, not to please coaches or parents.
- Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team - both will then benefit.
- Recognise good play by all players on your team and by your opponents.
- Be a sportsman - win or lose.
- Play to the Laws of the Game and accept, without question, all umpires decisions.
- Control your emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team mates, opponents, or match officials is not acceptable.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of any player.

### **Spirit of Cricket**

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

### **Responsibility of captains**

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

### **Player's conduct**

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

PCC will take appropriate action which may lead to an investigation, disciplinary process and an imposing of sanctions (which may include expulsion from the club) for acts of gross misconduct and bringing the club into disrepute.

### **Fair and unfair play**

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

### **Umpires**

The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of: Time wasting

Damaging the pitch Dangerous or unfair bowling Tampering with the ball  
Any other action that they consider to be unfair

### **Respect**

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for: Your opponents

Your own captain

The roles of the umpires and the game's traditional values It is against the Spirit of the Game:

To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture

To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:

(a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out

(b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing

(c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

### **Violence**

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play or to the property of both PCC and hosting teams.

### **Players**

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.