



BECKINGTON

CRICKET CLUB

Code of Conduct

Beckington Cricket Club is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for all adults and children, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, to play and enjoy the game of cricket. In return, the club expects all of its members to conduct themselves in a reasonable manner at all times, and in particular to follow the code of conduct adopted by the club, as outlined below:

All Members and Guests of Beckington Cricket Club shall:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket.
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination, if witnessed.
- Recognise good performance and not just match results.
- Display high standards of behaviour.
- Report all breaches of the Club Code of Conduct to the Club Committee.

All Players shall:

- Arrive at the ground or designated meeting point, at or before the agreed meeting time, and in a fit state to play cricket.
- Respect the opposition and the officials.
- Not question any decision made by an umpire, either by word or by action.
- Not engage in any action which is deemed to be unfair by law 42 of the Laws of Cricket: “Fair and Unfair Play”. This includes ball tampering, distracting or obstructing the opposition, dangerous or unfair bowling, time wasting, damaging the pitch, and breaching the spirit of the game. These actions shall be a breach of the Code of Conduct, whether or not they are observed and/or dealt with by the umpire.
- Not allow poor behaviour by the opposition to affect their own conduct.

All senior members of the club, when engaging in any activity in which minors are involved, shall:

- Not be drunk, or drink to excess.
- Not smoke in close proximity to minors.
- Not allow or encourage minors to drink or smoke.
- Not engage in any form of adult discussion or behaviour.
- Place the well-being and safety of minors above the development and performance of the minors, of the team, and of the club.
- Respect children’s opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket.

All members of the club, when supervising or assisting with the supervision of minors, shall:

- Not drink.
- Not smoke.
- Seek instruction from the Club Welfare Officer on all member's responsibility to minors within the club, before undertaking any activities in which minors are involved.

All Junior Players shall:

- Abide by the same code of conduct as senior players.
- Abide by instructions given by the Team Manager or Coach.
- Not leave the care of the club without the knowledge of the Team Manager or Coach.
- Not put themselves in a position where they do not feel safe, and report immediately if they are instructed to place themselves in a position where they do not feel safe.
- If playing in a senior match, know the ECB safety guidance which applies to their age group, and ensure it is adhered to.

All Parents/Guardians of Junior Players shall:

- Place the well-being and safety of their children above their development and performance.
- Encourage their child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play.
- Always accept the judgement of officials, and discourage questioning the decisions of the officials.
- Recognise good performance and not just match results.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Support their child's involvement and help them to enjoy the game.

Notes

For the purposes of this document:

- "Minors" refers to all persons under the age of 18 years, and includes, but is not limited to, junior members of Beckington Cricket Club.
- "Drunk" and "Drinking to excess" are defined as consuming an amount of alcohol in excess of the legal maximum consumption for driving a motor vehicle.

Any person in breach of the code of conduct shall be dealt with in accordance with disciplinary procedure in the club constitution.