



Goole Town Cricket Club

Code of Conduct



GOOLE TOWN CRICKET CLUB is proud of its reputation as a friendly and supportive club which upholds both the spirit as well as the laws of the game of cricket. We request that all GOOLE TOWN CRICKET CLUB players, members, coaches, team managers, parents and carers comply with our Code of Conduct, which is described below:

Breaches of this Code of Conduct

1. Any member not behaving in accordance with the terms of the Code of Conduct at an event of the Cricket Club may be asked to leave the club and will not be entitled to a refund of any monies paid for a given event.
2. The inappropriate behaviour of any members will be investigated, discussed and an appropriate course of action will be taken by the Committee, which may include a reprimand, suspension or revocation of membership.
3. In appropriate circumstances, the Committee may refer a breach of the Code of Conduct to relevant authorities such as the ECB or Police for further investigation

Coaches and Managers

All GOOLE TOWN CRICKET CLUB coaches and team managers (qualified or unqualified) have completed a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau ("DBS") check. All club members who have regular contact with children have also had a DBS check. All other members of the club have completed a Self-Declaration Form.

Players

1. All players must play cricket within the laws and in the spirit of the game.
2. All players must respect colleagues, opponents and officials. Do not make derogatory comments or gestures about your colleagues or opponents. Never try to intimidate the opposition by threats or excessive triumphalism.
3. Be polite to umpires and respect their decisions. Do not show dissent! Do not throw tantrums or cricket bats. Such behaviour invites sanctions from club officials.
4. Players should keep to agreed timings for practice and matches or inform their coach or team manager at the earliest possible opportunity if they cannot play or are going to be late.
5. All players must wear the appropriate kit – properly! Cricket whites and suitable trainers or cricket shoes should be worn for matches but tracksuits are permitted for practising.
6. All players under the age of 18 years must wear helmets when batting and when standing up to the stumps when wicket keeping.

Parents & Guardians

1. Players in training and in competitive Leagues are very impressionable, especially in the lower age groups. Parents should be seen to set a good example and promote the right attitude to players at all times.
2. Unseemly behaviour will not be tolerated. The Club is held accountable for your actions and could face sanctions including dismissal from ECB affiliate Leagues.
3. Discipline yourself and your language in front of impressionable children. They want to look up to their parents and not be ashamed of them.
4. Remember that children are involved in cricket for their own enjoyment, not to meet your expectations.
5. Condemn all violence and never question the decision of an official.
6. Never ridicule a player for making a mistake. Respect their efforts. Applaud all good play from both teams.
7. Be friendly and courteous to the opposition – players, managers, coaches, parents and supporters alike.
8. Be supportive of the manager and coach.
9. The Club provides excellent training and coaching but even though children are under the direct supervision of managers/coaches they are still their parents responsibility.



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10. Respect Young People's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket
11. Encourage your child to learn the laws of the game & to play within the spirit of those laws.
12. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
13. Never force your child to take part in any sport.
14. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
15. Do not forget, children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment and not yours.

Social Members

1. Treat other members, guests, staff of venues and other patrons (where a social club function is being held) fairly, equally and with respect and courtesy.
2. Behave responsibly and ensure they conduct themselves in a manner which will not injure the reputation of the Cricket Club, its events, organisers, participants or sponsors.
3. Not physically or verbally harass others.
4. Report any inappropriate behaviour of a member to the Committee of the Cricket Club for action and follow up.
5. Abide by and uphold the Constitution, Code of Conduct, Health & Safety & Privacy Notices that are provided by the club.
6. Pay any fees in relation to club affairs which that member has committed to, regardless of whether the member attends the event or not.
7. Notify the Cricket Club's Secretary of any changes to address or details of dependants.

Child Welfare and the Club's Child Welfare Officer

*The Club complies with the **ECB Child Welfare Policy**, a copy of which is kept by the Club's Child Welfare Officer and is available on the club website.*

The Club's Child Welfare Officer is: **Mr Steve Foster**

The Child Welfare Office will:

1. Act as the first point of contact for the reporting of Child Welfare and Protection concerns
2. Help and safeguard young people by assisting in the promotion and implementation of the *Welfare of Young people Policy* at a Club level
3. Be a source of advice and information within the club
4. Uphold confidentiality, as far as is practical in all Child Protection matters
5. Liaise with the County Welfare Officer when appropriate with the Club Welfare Officer liaising with the County Welfare Officer if necessary.

Guidelines for Club Changing Policy

The club has applied the following guidelines, which apply to Adults and Young people (under the age of 16) sharing changing facilities.

1. Adults should try to change and shower at separate times to Young Players
2. If Adults and Young Players need to share a changing facility, the Club must have consent from the Parents that their child/children can share a changing room with adults in the club
3. If Young people are uncomfortable changing or showering with Adults, no pressure should be placed on them to do so. Encourage them to do this at home.