



INTRODUCTORY LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parent

On behalf of Ripley Cricket Club we would like to welcome your child to the club and provide you with some information about our activities. The Academy section of the club provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 8 and 17. Academy members will receive coaching and most age groups participate in competitions and Leagues organised by the West Surrey Colts League. All coaching, where ever possible, is by qualified coaches who are trained and have been screened for their suitability for working with young people.

The club has gained Sport England's Clubmark, which is awarded to clubs by the ECB when the club is able to demonstrate that it meets the ECB's criteria as to its playing programme, child protection, sports equity, ethics and club management. Clubmark is an acknowledgement that we take these issues seriously and are striving to provide a high quality and welcoming environment for young participants in the sport.

We welcome parents to all training and competitions and value your support. We rely on parents and players getting involved in all aspects of running the club.

Training times and dates vary according to age – if you are have any questions about these please contact the appropriate coach. Arrangements should be made for your child to travel to and from training sessions and matches. We appreciate if children arrive promptly and are collected promptly at the end of the session. If you are going to be late picking your child up, please contact the coach.

All players are expected to wear appropriate attire for all training sessions. The coach will advise on any other equipment that is needed. Players are also expected to behave in an appropriate manner during training sessions and when representing the club in matches.

The yearly Family subscription of £70 provides Social Membership for 2 adults and one child which enables the family to make full use of club facilities, and for the child it also covers training and match fees. We would be grateful if you could read the attached codes of conduct and then complete the attached membership form and required declarations. For the safety of your child it is important that the club is informed of any medical condition or allergies that may be relevant should your child fall ill or be involved in an accident at the club.

If you would like to talk to someone at the club about this information or your child's involvement with the club, please contact the appropriate Coach or the club Welfare Officer.

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to meeting you at some point during the season.

Andrew Giles
Head Coach

Club Vision - Ripley Cricket Club encourages and facilitates participation in competitive and recreational cricket and seeks to broaden the appeal of the game by providing events, facilities and coaching of a high standard to members of the local community and the surrounding area.

Club Playing Ethos - Players should play to win, play hard but fair and always show respect for officials and the opposition. All must learn to win with humility and lose with pride.



Academy Members Details (Cont'd) – section 2

Ethnicity : Whilst it is not compulsory the following paragraph explains its importance - applies to Academy (Under 17) members only					
Sport can and does play a major role in promoting the inclusion of all groups in society. However, inequalities have traditionally existed in relation to gender, race and disability. Sport England is committed to promoting and developing sports equity, which is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. By monitoring the profiles of young people in sports clubs, national governing bodies of sport can identify any issues relating to under representation of different groups and can together develop strategies to ensure all young people have the opportunity to develop and progress in sport.					
Choose one section from A to E and then Tick one box					
A. White	British		Irish		Other
B. Mixed	White/Caribbean		White/African		White/Asian
C. Asian or Asian British	Indian		Pakistani		Other
D. Black or Black British	Caribbean		African		Other
E. Chinese or Other	Chinese		Other:		
Disability: The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 defines a disabled person as anyone with 'a physical or mental impairment, which has substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'					
Do you consider yourself disabled?		Yes/No if yes, what is the nature of your disability?			
Visual	Hearing	Physical	Learning disability		
Multiple Disability	Other (Please state)				

Medical Information - Please detail below any important medical information that our coaches/Academy co-ordinator should be aware of (e.g. Asthma, epilepsy, diabetes etc)

Emergency contact details: Please insert the information below to indicate who should be contacted in the event of an accident/incident.

Contact name: _____ Emergency contact number: _____

Data protection: Please note that the details supplied will be stored electronically. Only Club administrators will have access to this information and it will NOT be passed to any third parties. Please **tick the box to give consent** to your details being stored in this way. ☐

Photographs: These may be taken during training sessions or matches. Please **tick the box to give consent** to your child's photo being shown on the Cricket Club website ☐

Parent: Do you hold a current First Aid or Medical qualification? If so are you prepared to give assistance should it be required? Please tick the box to indicate this offer ☐

Can you tell us your occupation / profession?

Would you be willing to help the club in some capacity? If yes please state in what capacity you may be able to help. **Yes / No.**

Umpire		Manager (Academy)		Teas	
Scoring		Maintenance		Bar duties	
Coach / Assistant		Sponsorship		Other	

Parent / Guardian:

I have read the "Safeguarding Children Policy Statement" and agree to abide by "RCC Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers". I also understand that the club changing facilities are the same for both adults and children.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Academy player:

I have read and agree to abide by "RCC Code of Conduct for Academy Members"

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please return these forms and payment to your coach. If you have two children please complete Section 2 for each child and return to the respective coach- the subs can go to either coach. If you have any questions please refer them to your coach.



Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

- Encourage your child to learn the laws of cricket and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Do not send your child to training sessions or matches if they are unwell or not fit for the activity.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Ensure your child is safely escorted to and from matches and coaching.
- Provide practical support to the club where possible e.g. refreshments, scoring, kitchen duties etc



Academy Members – Code of Conduct

Ripley Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. We believe that everyone involved with the club should respect the welfare and safety of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with any club official.

As a member of Ripley Cricket Club you are expected to abide by the following Academy 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 everyone 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 agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Academy members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Academy members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
- Academy members are expected to be aware of and respect *RCC Cricket Etiquette*

Any action that is thought to be a breach of this code of conduct will be reported to the Club General Committee where decisions about any action will be made.



Ripley CC – Cricket Etiquette

(The customs or rules of behaviour)

Learning the customs or rules of how to behave when playing cricket is just as important as learning how to play the game itself. Below is a list of the most important rules of 'etiquette' which you need to learn in order to take part in cricket matches and represent Ripley Cricket Club.

- Always clap the batsman as he or she arrives to bat. This happens at the beginning of the batting innings or as a new batsman arrives to bat at the fall of a wicket.
- In Kwik Cricket the fielding side claps the batting pair as they arrive at the crease and leave the field.
- Always clap the opposing team off the pitch at the end of an innings. If you are the fielding side you clap the batsman as they walk off the pitch and if you are the batting side you must all get together at the boundary to clap the fielders as they leave the pitch.
- Always shake hands with the opposing team members at the end of the last innings as players leave the field.
- The home team allows the away team to take their food and drink first.
- When batting, all team members must pay attention to the game, supporting the batting pair who are on the pitch by cheering good shots and encouraging when they are struggling. (This is a good way to learn about the game as good play and mistakes can be pointed out)
- Always be polite to the Umpires and never question any decision they make.
- Always thank those who have helped with the match e.g. umpires, scorers providers of food and drink etc.,
- Remember to collect all equipment that has been used and put it back where it belongs.

These are just a few simple rules to remember. Please do your best to learn them.

*"For when the One Great Scorer comes
To write against your name
He marks – not that you won or lost
But how you played the game"*

Gartland Rice



Safeguarding Children Policy Statement

Ripley Cricket Club (The Club) is committed to ensuring that all Children(*) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience.

(*The word "Children" should be taken to mean all persons under the age of 18.)

We will do this by:

- Recognising that all Children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.
- Ensuring that individuals working within cricket at or for our club provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience for children.
- Adopting and implementing the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "*Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children*" and any future versions of the policy.
- Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring that they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB & the NSPCC, so that they have the necessary skills to be able to undertake their role effectively.
- Ensuring that all people who work in cricket at or for our club, (such as Staff, Officials, Volunteers, Team Managers, Coaches etc.) understand that the Safe Hands Policy applies to them according to their level of contact with children in Cricket.
- Ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for the club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines.
- Ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for the club are provided with support through education and training so that they are aware of and can adhere to good practice and code of conduct guidelines defined by both the ECB, and by the club.
- Ensuring that the name & contact details for the Club Welfare Officer is available- as the first point of contact for parents, children & volunteers / staff within the club,
 - as a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee & its members,
 - as the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Child Protection Team, and- as the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child welfare,
- Ensuring that correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding and child protection concerns. Such procedures recognising the responsibility of the statutory agencies and in accordance with pre defined safeguarding and child protection procedures as defined by the ECB, Statutory agencies and Local Safeguarding Children Board LSCB guidelines and policies.
- Providing everyone connected with the club (including parents, children and volunteers) with the opportunity to voice any concerns which they have (about possible suspected child abuse, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer.
- Ensuring that all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- Ensuring that access to confidential information relating to child welfare matters is restricted to the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities as specified within ECB Safeguarding and child protection procedures.