



PLAYERS CHARTER - THE BEXLEY WAY.

INTRODUCTION. The aim of this charter is to provide guidance to all players, both youth and adult on their responsibilities upon joining, and then playing for Bexley Cricket Club.

At over 200 years old, Bexley Cricket Club is one of the oldest clubs in Kent. Within the county the club is renowned for the quality of it's cricket, youth section, administration and hospitality and wishes to maintain this status.

The main objective of the club is the playing of cricket and the development of it's players. It does this by running 5 Saturday and 1 or often 2 Sunday teams plus a large junior section for both boys and girls. The success of the Club both on and off the pitch, relies on the shared commitment of all members but especially playing members. The Club is an amateur club run by it's members for it's members, all on a volunteer basis.

Remember, "It is not what Bexley Cricket Club can do for you, but what you can do for Bexley Cricket Club."

AIM. Bexley Cricket Club aims to provide competitive cricket at County Premiership League level and at other levels appropriate to the age, gender, skills and aspirations of it's players.

Playing cricket for Bexley involves amongst many other things:

AVAILABILITY. Regular and good availability. It is a player's responsibility to ensure their availability or otherwise is notified in good time to the Selection Committee. If, you are selected to play and for any reason, you are unable to do so, you must inform your team captain immediately. Late "cry offs" have a major knock effect and with lower teams always suffering disproportionately.

CODE OF PRACTICE AND MATCH DAY ETIQUETTE. Bexley CC strives to attain the highest standard of conduct, behaviour and etiquette from all of it's members and supporters. Members will uphold the guidance of the various Conduct Codes as produced by the ECB, Kent Leagues and other competition organisers.

ON THE FIELD: Captains are responsible for ensuring that all players conduct themselves in such a manner that ensures that both the SPIRIT OF CRICKET as well as the LAWS OF THE GAME are followed and a high personal and team standard is maintained. This also applies to any other guidance affiliated league administrators. We play cricket for enjoyment. Play your part to ensure that Bexley's reputation of being a sporting, welcoming and social club is maintained and enhanced. The opposition, match officials and your fellow team members must be treated with respect.

Players must not be abusive, by word or deed, be violent or intimidate opponents or umpires, challenge umpires' decisions or show dissent or cheat at any level. Racial abuse or inuendo will not be tolerated at Bexley Cricket Club

Play the game positively, play to win, play fair and have fun. Cricket is a TEAM game; Together Each Achieves More.

TIMEKEEPING: In order to prepare fully for your match it is essential you are at the appropriate home ground at the allotted time to either, prepare for the forthcoming home match or, to depart for an away fixture. Players must not leave the ground before the end of the game, unless in an emergency or without the permission of the captain.

DRESS CODE: Ensure that the correct Bexley Cricket Club team kit/clothing is worn at all times.

TRAINING/ PRACTICE: A commitment to regularly attend training and practice. Maintaining a high level of punctuality and commitment to quality practice.

OFF THE FIELD: Bexley is an open club, encouraging players from all walks of life with a reputation as a welcoming and social club.

This status can only be maintained by players socialising with both their team members and the opposition after matches whether this is at Manor Way, or at the opposition's ground if playing away. The consumption of alcohol is not a prerequisite for this activity.

Players should aim to stay at least an hour after each home match to discuss the match and cricket in general with their team but especially to the younger members to ensure best practice and etiquette is passed on. Remember, friendships are made both on and off the pitch and team spirit is improved by strong social bonds.

All players should feel able to invite their wives, partners and young families to games, to introduce them to other members and their guests and to encourage them to join in and attend social functions.

Established players should take responsibility for introducing themselves to new members and making them and their families feel welcome.

ADMINISTRATION: Assisting your captain in their match day responsibilities and activities whether they be administrative (e.g. paying your match and tea fees on time) and any pavilion or ground tasks.

IN RETURN BEXLEY CC WILL PROVIDE:

A safe environment for all but especially so for children.

Plenty of playing opportunities

Coaching and a comprehensive match programme for 8-18 years olds

An environment in which to develop both your cricket playing and social skills

A club fixture card

Branded cricket clothing to purchase

Information by fully operational web sites: play-cricket.com and Pitchero, Twitter and the Bexley CC Facebook page.

A full programme of Social events.

A Club Safeguarding Officer

An open club and culture whereby members are encouraged to provide feedback, raise any concerns or queries to the Committee about playing or administrative arrangements within the Club and receive feedback.

CONCLUSION.

The members of Bexley Cricket Club have, over the past 200 years, made this club what it is. With your contribution we will be able continue that fine tradition for another 200 years.