



## Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket

The SJCC Code of Conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket as set out below. Any player playing in Surrey Junior Cricket Championship competitions will be deemed as agreeing to abide by the ECB and League's code of conduct and disciplinary procedures.

The Managers, Captains and Club administrators are responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws of Cricket.

For players, team officials, club members, parents and supporters specifically, but not exclusively, this means that:

- They must accept the umpire's decision. They must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player or a spectator
- They shall not intimidate assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player or a spectator
- They shall not use crude and/or abusive language nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent
- They shall not make racially abusive comments or any other derogatory comments directed at an individual's personal characteristics such as gender, sexual orientation or physical appearance or ability nor indulge in any form of abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters
- They shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs, including any substance the use of which is restricted to young people under the age of 18.

For the avoidance of doubt clubs will be held responsible for the actions of their members and hence they must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and umpires.

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, umpires and especially in Junior cricket, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket:

- Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires
- Play hard and play fair
- Clubs are responsible for providing umpires that operate in an independent manner
- Accept the umpire's decision
- Create a positive atmosphere by your conduct and encourage others to do likewise
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes and enjoy those of your own team
- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result



- Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket
- When clubs encounter breaches of the Spirit of Cricket or this code of conduct they are encouraged to report such breaches to the SJCC Management Team.

The SJCC is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. Each participating team will be required to provide a rating of the opposition's demonstration of the Spirit of Cricket after each game via the Captains' Reports functionality in Play-Cricket.