



BUDLEIGH SALTERTON CRICKET CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT AND EQUALITY POLICY FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Members are required to abide by the club rules and constitution and decisions of the management committee. Members bringing guests to the must ensure they are signed in the visitors book. The club has to satisfy a number of legal obligations. Members and guests are required to follow the regulations and guidelines as notified by the committee. In particular the licensing laws under which we are able to operate a bar and music license. These are displayed in the clubhouse.

The bar manager and staff will operate hours and practices in accordance with the procedures set by the committee. Please give them your full cooperation.

Members and guests are requested to familiarize themselves with the fire exits and notices/actions to be taken in the event of a fire.

Please use the separate recycling bins for bottles, plastic and cans. Please help keep the clubhouse and grounds free of refuse and encourage children to do likewise.

The club wishes to treat everyone equally and not to discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief.

Any alleged abuses should be reported as soon as possible to a committee member.

The club wishes to promote a high standard of fair play in all aspects of club policy and in respect of cricket. Members should respect the decisions of match officials and the performance of all teams. Members visiting away grounds should apply the same standards.

Members are required to fully support the club's adoption of ECB's guidelines for young persons as set out in "Safe Hands – Cricket Policy for Safe Guarding Children" and observe any guidelines issued by the club committee relevant to this. Please familiarise yourself with the club's mission statement in providing a safe environment for young persons and adopt its principles. Club officials and members/guests are requested not to take photographs or videos of colt members without prior consent of parents/guardians. The exception to this rule would be official group team photographs, but individuals should not be identified in press photos without parental consent.

Place the well-being and safety of young people above the development of performance. Recognise good performance and not just results. Do not provide under age persons with alcohol or purchase alcohol on their behalf.

Report any concerns in relation to a young person to Claire White the Club's Welfare Officer (in her absence to Club Secretary Kevin Curran).

Please use the recycling bins for bottles, cans and plastic and place other rubbish in the bins.

Please park bicycles in the cycle bay.

Please respect the equipment provided by the club for your benefit and return these to the pavilion or to your coach after use .

Do not climb nets or the sight screens.

Please follow the club policy relating to the wearing of helmets. This applies to matches, training sessions and net practice. Please respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Please follow carefully any instructions of the coaching team, attend matches and training at the agreed times. Please ensure your coaching manager has recorded your attendance at training sessions. (Colts)

For training and net practice it is not necessary to wear cricket clothing, but trainers must be worn or cricket shoes. For competition matches you are required to wear cricket trousers or white shorts and white shirts/tops. Pads, helmets, bats and protective boxes will be supplied by the club. Subject to sponsorship we will also endeavour to supply team shirts when possible. You may however bring your own equipment for which you will be responsible, so please take care of this. A cricket bag is preferable, marked with your name if bringing your own gear.

Should you be selected to play in an adult match and feel uncomfortable about changing or showering with adults, you are not obliged to do so. You may change at home if you prefer.

It is a condition that young members should have a parent or guardian who is a member of the club and who takes responsibility for your safe arrival and departure. If you bring a guest your parent or guardian must sign in your guest in the club's visitors book. Whilst at the club and when representing the club at away fixtures, please display good behaviour. The club does not wish junior members to smoke whilst on the club premises or at away matches. Likewise the consumption of alcohol and use of drugs will not be tolerated.

Please let your coaches, colts representatives or any of the committee have feedback about your time at the club and any ideas you may like to be considered. Sport should be fun and we want you to feel safe and above all to enjoy your time at the club. If you have any concerns please speak to Claire White Club Welfare Officer or in her absence to either Kevin Curran, Club Secretary or/and Neil Murrin, the Colt's coordinator. Your colts team manager can also be contacted. Telephone numbers for the above are shown on this site (see colts section), in the club handbook and displayed on the club notice board. NSPCC also have a freephone helpline on 0800 800500 which is available to you 24 hours a day if you want to discuss any private concerns.

Young Players Transportation

The clubs policy in respect of young players (under 18) is that parents/guardians are responsible for arrangements in respect of the transportation of young persons to and from all matches and practice sessions. The club will not be registering private vehicles for use in the transportation of individuals in connection with any fixture or training session.

Wearing of Cricket Helmets

The committee supports and has instructed team managers to implement the ECB guidance in respect of the wearing of cricket helmets by young players (under 18) whilst batting and fielding. Parents/Guardians and young players are requested to familiarise themselves with these policies. This guidance is also important to follow when young club members visit the ground for net practice outside of the organised club training sessions.

ECB Guidance in respect of Batting

It is recommended that a helmet is worn by young players when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice. A young player should not be allowed to bat or to stand up to the stumps when keeping wicket without a helmet against a hardball except with written parental consent. Coaches, teachers, managers and umpires should always ensure that a young player wears a helmet if this written parental consent has not been received.

Parental consent not to wear a helmet when playing in adult matches will not be accepted. A young player acting as a runner during an adult match is also required to wear a helmet. Players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting against a hard ball, together with pads, gloves and for boys, an abdominal protector (box).

ECB Guidance in respect of Fielding

No young player in the under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball. For players in the under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres). These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.

Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.

In addition any young player in the under 16 to under 18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and for boys an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.

Changing Room Policy

Should a young person be selected to play in an adult match but prefer to change and shower at home it is perfectly in order for them to do so.

Safe Hands

We have issued this ECB publication for parents on several occasions. We do still retain a small supply of these leaflets and if you would like a copy please ask one of the team managers.

Photography

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