

CHESHIRE YOUTH CRICKET
CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS AND PLAYERS

The following Code of Conduct applies to all teams and players representing the County under the auspices of CHESHIRE YOUTH.

1. The code applies to all activities under the auspices of CHESHIRE YOUTH CRICKET.
2. Young players are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour and respect for all Coaches, Managers, other players and any other persons with whom they come into contact in their participation in development courses, trials, training sessions and matches. Any ill discipline will not be tolerated, and may result in de-selection.
3. The umpire's decision must be accepted at all times and no show of dissent or disagreement is to be made.
4. Players must arrive promptly at any match. Arriving late is unacceptable as it is detrimental to the whole schedule of training, warm-ups, team talks etc. County players must wear Cheshire Youth Cricket tracksuit tops, trousers, collar and tie and shoes (i.e. not trainers), District players will be advised by their Team Manager. During lunch/tea intervals players should wear tracksuit tops. When leaving a match, players dress should be that agreed with the Team Managers.
5. In order to be suitably prepared both physically and mentally for County matches, players are expected not to commit to playing other matches at club or school on that day.
6. The abuse of alcohol or any stimulants or harmful substances by players over 18 whilst under the auspices of Cheshire Youth Cricket will be a disciplinary offence and will be dealt with in accordance with paragraph 8 and 9 below.
Players under 18 will not drink alcohol or take any stimulants or harmful substances whilst under the auspices of Cheshire Youth Cricket. Anyone in breach of this will be dealt with in accordance with paragraph 8 and 9 below.
7. CHESHIRE YOUTH aims to give players the opportunity of playing cricket at a higher level and it is recognised that games are likely to be competitive and hard fought. Nevertheless players are expected to show the highest standards of sportsmanship. This should not need further explanation but, for example, the following are not acceptable:-
 - a) Foul or abusive language on or off the field
 - b) Intimidation or deliberate distraction of opponents orally or by acts of gamesmanship or aggressive behaviour.
8. Prior to, during, and immediately after matches behaviour in residence and in free time activities should be such as to cause no inconvenience or annoyance to anyone. Players must be in their own room by the time specified by the Team Manager or his/her representative. The Team Management is responsible for the behaviour of the team on and off the field and must receive the full co-operation of the players.
9. Breaches of this code will result in disciplinary action being taken against individuals and/or the team. Such breaches of discipline shall be dealt with in the first instance by the Team Manager or in his/her absence by his/her representative. Depending on the severity of the offence the offender(s) may receive one of the following:
 - 1) a verbal warning
 - 2) a written warning
 - 3) a one match ban.Any written warnings or bans should be explained in writing to the Chair of the Cricket Committee within one week.
Any action beyond a one-match ban should be referred to an adhoc committee of three Cheshire Youth Team Managers who must consider the issue within reasonable time of the occurrence.
Managers have the authority to send players home from festivals for any behaviour they believe to be inappropriate. Arrangements for their return home will be made in liaison with parents/guardians.
10. Any breach of conduct whilst representing the county, a school or a club may result in disciplinary action being taken that could jeopardise a player's selection for CHESHIRE, NORTH REGIONAL or NATIONAL cricket.
11. Any matters regarding this code should be addressed to the CHESHIRE YOUTH GENERAL SECRETARY.