



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL YOUTH CHESHIRE CRICKET BOARD CRICKETING ACTIVITIES

The following Code of Conduct applies to all cricketing activity conducted under the guidance of CHESHIRE CRICKET BOARD (CCB) including CHESHIRE YOUTH CRICKET (CYC).

1. The code applies to all activities delivered and organised by CCB.
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, matches and festivals. Any ill-discipline will not be tolerated and may result in de-selection.
3. The umpire's decision must always be accepted, and no show of dissent or disagreement is to be made.
4. Players must arrive promptly for all sessions and matches. Arriving late is unacceptable as it is detrimental to the whole schedule of training, warm-ups, team talks etc. (exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration).
5. Players must wear appropriate clothing as advised by their respective CCB Coaches/Manager.
6. 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.
7. The abuse of alcohol, any stimulants or harmful substances by any players whilst under the guidance of CCB will be a disciplinary offence and will be dealt with accordingly.
8. CCB 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 in line with the Spirit and the Laws of Cricket (<https://www.lords.org/mcc/mcc-spirit-of-cricket>)
9. The following are examples of unacceptable behaviour:
 - 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
 - c) Bullying
 - d) Racist behaviour (words or actions)

10. During festivals or matches requiring overnight stays, 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.
11. The CYC Safeguarding Officer will be advised of any breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Any breaches of this code whilst under the guidance of CCB may result in disciplinary action being taken against individuals and/or the team, in line with the General Conduct Regulations (GCR) where appropriate. Such breaches of discipline shall be dealt with in the first instance by the Coach/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) Suspension/ ban.

Any written warnings or bans should be explained in writing to the Chair of the CYC within one week.

Any action beyond a one-match ban should be referred to an adhoc committee of three CYC representatives who must consider the issue within a reasonable time of the occurrence.

Players could be sent home from festivals for any behaviour believed to be inappropriate. Arrangements for their return home will be made in liaison with parents/carers.
12. Any breach of this Code of Conduct whilst representing the district, 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.
13. Any matters regarding this code should be addressed to the CYC Safeguarding Officer.
14. Players are expected to make themselves available for 75% of all their respective District/ County age group matches. Dates of fixtures will be made available before the start of the season and parents should advise the age group manager at the earliest opportunity if there is any unavailability.