



## **CHESHIRE YOUTH CRICKET**

### **Code of Conduct for Parents/ Carers**

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

This Code of Conduct is intended to establish a standard of behaviour amongst parents/carers in the best interests of CCB activities and all those who participate in its activities.

Coaches and Managers are entrusted by the CCB to educate players to a consistent cricket standard. As parents/carers we have often played the game and feel we could do or advise better. Experience has shown that this only causes confusion for the player. Each official as well as the player are subject to a strict code of conduct.

Without your support the CCB structure would not be able to function.

1. Players arriving late for training sessions and matches (or needing to leave early) can be very disruptive to the whole activity, and parents/ carers are requested to ensure this does not happen unless in exceptional circumstances.
2. In the event of a player being selected for a county team, please recognise the demands a match will make on them both mentally and physically. We do not expect them to play another game on that day.
3. Parents/carers are requested:
  - Not to go out to the field of play/coaching area.
  - Not to give advice about the game to any player for during any stage of the match/session.
  - To positively reinforce a player's performance
  - Not to enter the dressing room areas at any stage of a match/session (should the player sustain injury this may be waived at the discretion of Team management).
  - Unless asked to help by Team management, not to interfere with the warm-up, comment in the periods/ breaks or the involvement of any player during the match/session.
  - Not to engage in discussion with officials about incidents in the game/session.
4. Generally catering is provided for players and officials only during matches. Unless otherwise advised by team management that catering is available for parents/carers, they are requested not to use the meal area during intervals and make their own arrangements for lunch and tea breaks.
5. Players are expected to remain with their team for the duration of the match or session. This will foster a greater team spirit and aid their cricket education.
6. Parents/carers are advised that transport is not provided. However, we appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to make arrangements.
7. Players are expected to be dressed in accordance with point 5 of the players' code of conduct.

8. Parents/carers are asked to note the contents of the Players' Code of Conduct and ensure that it is read and complied with by the players they are care for.
9. If there are any matters that concern you or the player you care for (cricket or otherwise) they should not be brought up during the hours of play/session, unless relating to issues that cannot wait, e.g., child welfare. Managers and coaches will be available outside those hours for constructive discussion which must be held in private.
10. Many of the coaches and managers are volunteers and have been appointed because of their experience and expertise in the development of young players and teams. Some parents/ carers have been known to disagree with or misunderstand some of the decisions made (e.g., rotation of batting orders). Parents/ carers are asked to respect decisions made and avoid criticism of any sort.
11. Parents/carers are respectfully requested to refrain from passing adverse comment either verbally or in writing to others (i.e., selectors, other parents, coaches, managers) about selections and the abilities of their own and other players and categorically not to falsely attribute comments to CCB personnel.
12. Parents/ carers must not use social media or any other electronic means to make or post inappropriate (discriminatory or offensive) comments against other players, match officials or opposing county officials. Social media and electronic means include, but is not limited to email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, and digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter) and Snapchat). Remember that any comments on social media can be saved and used as evidence in the future.
13. Parents/ carers are expected to show the highest standards of behaviour and respect for coaches, managers, players, opponents and their management teams, and any other persons with whom they come into contact. If this is not observed, this may result in removal from the activities of CCB.
14. All representative players will be expected to be available for their own age group fixtures, and possibly others if so, advised by the CCB Performance Manager. Match dates will be advised early on the Excellence and District courses to enable you to arrange other commitments (e.g., holidays) to avoid clashes.
15. Parents/carers are requested to sign the form to confirm that they have familiarised themselves with **BOTH** Parents/carers and Players Codes of Conduct and that they and the players they care for will comply with them.
16. Any breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a CCB official. Persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend games if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of the young players.
17. Parents/ carers will have a right of appeal against any decision.
18. Failure to operate within the Code could have a detrimental effect on the player's selection for county, district representation or removal from the activities of CCB.
19. **Should any Parent/carer be unwilling to sign to confirm compliance with this Code, the player(s) they care for, will not be invited to participate in the activities of CCB.**