



Cheshire Youth Cricket

Code of Conduct for players & participants

This Code of conduct applies to all players and participants involved in activities delivered and organised by Cheshire Cricket Board (CCB), including Cheshire Youth Cricket (CYC).

We recognise that every individual brings their own experiences, strengths, and challenges. We are committed to creating a safe, supportive, inclusive and respectful environment where everyone can learn, develop and feel a sense of belonging.

By representing Cheshire, you agree to uphold the values below and contribute positively to the wellbeing of yourself and others.

SQUAD VALUES

RUN ON RESPECT

I will:

- Treat everyone with kindness, respect and understanding, including coaches, teammates, opposition and officials
- Recognise that everyone may experience situations differently and respond with empathy
- Accept decisions made by umpires, officials, captains and coaches, understanding they are made to support fairness and team development
- Represent the Cheshire badge with pride, both on and off the field
- Care for equipment, facilities and shared spaces
- Show honesty, integrity and fair play, regardless of the result

EMBRACE ENJOYMENT

I will:

- Be myself and respect that everyone is unique
- Help create an environment where everyone feels safe, valued and able to participate
- Understand that people learn and develop at different speeds, including myself
- Prepare for training and matches in a way that supports my wellbeing (physically and mentally)
- Communicate openly if I am struggling or need support
- Think carefully about my words and actions, including on social media, recognising their impact on others
- Use my mobile phone responsibly and respectfully, never in changing areas to protect privacy

BUILD BELONGING

I will:

- Wear appropriate kit and clothing for matches, training and travel
- Include others and actively help people feel welcomed and accepted
- Be a supportive teammate, recognising that everyone contributes in different ways
- Respect personal space, boundaries and privacy at all times
- Welcome new players and staff, helping them feel part of the group
- Celebrate effort, progress and success—my own and others'

PROGRESS WITH PURPOSE

I will:

- Do my best to attend training and matches (at least 75%), communicating in advance if I am unable to attend
- Commit to my development and the team's development
- Take responsibility for my learning, effort and behaviour
- Be open to feedback and support from coaches and others
- Support my teammates in their development and progress

Responsibility for my actions

We understand that behaviour is a form of communication. When things go wrong, we aim to respond with support, reflection and learning, while maintaining clear expectations.

I agree that I will:

- Behave in a way that is safe, respectful and appropriate
- Follow all rules relating to smoking, vaping, alcohol and drugs
- Play cricket safely and follow ECB safety guidance (e.g. fast bowling, open age cricket, protective equipment)
- Not use banned or performance-enhancing substances
- Follow the Spirit and Laws of Cricket, alongside all CYC/ CCB policies
- Respect all people and shared spaces
- Support coaches and staff in delivering sessions
- Accept that decisions are made in the best interests of individuals and the team

When expectations are not met

We recognise that mistakes happen. If this Code of Conduct is not followed:

- We will seek to understand what has happened and why
- Players will be given the opportunity to reflect, repair and learn
- Support will be offered where needed

Where necessary, consequences may still apply to ensure safety and fairness. These may include:

- Conversations and warnings
- Missing training or matches
- Temporary or permanent removal from squads (depending on seriousness)

Serious concerns may be managed by the CYC Committee and County Safeguarding Officer.

Sharing Information

To support player wellbeing and development:

- Relevant information about concerns or incidents may be shared with clubs and/or schools where appropriate
- This will always be done with consideration for safeguarding, confidentiality and best interests

Right to be heard

- I have the right to share my views and be listened to
- I can ask for support at any time
- I have the right to appeal any disciplinary decision within 7 days

Appeals should be submitted to the CYC Committee and County Safeguarding Officer.

Player Agreement

By being part of Cheshire Youth Cricket, I agree to:

- Follow this Code of Conduct
- Contribute to a safe, respectful and inclusive environment
- Take responsibility for my actions and learning
- Represent Cheshire with pride and integrity