



Saffron Walden Cricket Club

Code of Conduct



Saffron Walden Cricket Club (the “Club”) has adopted the following Code of Conduct (the “Code”) and commended it to all its officials, players and parents.

The Code applies to all matches played by the Club and related activities.

The Club accepts responsibility for the behaviour of its officials, parents and players and may take disciplinary action against any individual who fails to comply with the Code.

We will observe the highest standards of sportsmanship, behaviour and dress both on and off the field in keeping with the dignity and best traditions of the game. We attach the utmost importance to the Spirit of Cricket which forms the preamble to the Laws of the game (and is set out in the Appendix to the Code).

All those involved with the Club are expected to promote the game to all members of the community and to remember that they represent the Club.

We will not accept intimidation of, aggressive behaviour towards or the deliberate distraction of our opponents, rule violations, rough play, vandalism, the abuse of prohibited substances (including cigarettes and alcohol) or discrimination on the grounds of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status. No smoking will be allowed in the clubhouse.

We will not accept dissent at an umpire’s decision.

We have acquainted all our officials and players with the Code.

We expect our captains and team managers to exercise suitable control and leadership over their teams.

We expect all those involved with the Club to put the safety and well-being of players, particularly younger players before performance, and to develop an appropriate working relationship with players based on mutual respect and trust.

We expect all those involved with the Club (coaches, parents, players, volunteers) to respect the contribution that each makes to the success of the Club; make themselves familiar with all Club policies including Child Protection and Welfare, Inclusion and Diversity, and Volunteering and to follow the guidelines laid down from

time-to-time by the England Wales Cricket Board (the “ECB”) including those relating to fast bowling and the wearing of safety helmets.

Mobile phones are discouraged and should always be on silent at the cricket ground. Camera phones should not be used in changing rooms.

We expect all those involved with the Club to ensure that all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part and not to exert undue influence over players to obtain personal benefit or reward.

The Club has adopted the ECB Welfare of Young People Policy, a copy of which is available on request. All those likely to have contact with young people within the Club will be subject to checks by the Disclosure and Barring Service and volunteers will have access to training as appropriate.

In particular, the Club expects:

A. Coaches to be familiar with the Code of Conduct for Sports Coaches https://www.sportscoachuk.org/sites/default/files/coaches-code-of-practice_0.pdf which asserts that good coaching is based on:

Rights

Coaches must respect and champion the rights of every individual to participate in sport.

Relationships

Coaches must develop a relationship with athletes (and others) based on openness, honesty, mutual trust and respect.

Responsibilities – personal standards

Coaches must demonstrate proper personal behaviour and conduct at all times.

Responsibilities – professional standards

To keep up-to-date with their knowledge and conduct risk assessments.

To maximise benefits and minimise risks to athletes, coaches must attain a high level of competence through qualifications and a commitment to ongoing training that ensures safe and correct practice, to keep up-to-date with developments in coaching and to maintain membership of the ECB Coaches Association and the related insurance cover. The Club is prepared to meet the costs of the annual subscription to the ECB CA and ECCCB CA for each lead coach. Coaches should always notify their lead coach if they cannot attend a session and try to arrange cover. Lead coaches should consult with their assistants if they cannot attend. In each case, as much notice as possible is desirable.

B. Parents to adopt the Code when watching matches and reinforce it when appropriate. Parents are reminded that they have a responsibility towards the Club and all those involved with it as well as to their own child. Parents are also expected to:

- . Encourage their child to learn the Laws and play within them.
- . Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- . Help their child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- . Never force their child to take part in sport.
- . Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- . Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- . Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- . Support their child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- . Use correct and proper language at all times.

Players, coaches and parents should be aware that breaches of the Code may lead to the use of the Club's disciplinary procedure.

David Barrs Club Chairman
David Hancock Academy Director
Reviewed March 2016

Appendix:

The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

1. There are two Laws which place responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Player's conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

Time wasting, damaging the pitch, dangerous or unfair bowling, tampering with the ball or any other action that they consider to be unfair.

4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

Your opponents, your own captain and team, the role of umpires and the game and its traditional values.

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture, to direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire or to indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance

(a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out;

(b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing;

(c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.

6. Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

7. Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.