

Code of Conduct for Players

Walsham Le Willows Cricket Club

1. General Behaviour

- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person within the context of cricket.
- Treat team-mates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect at all times.
- Always play within the rules and spirit of the game.
- Respect decisions made by umpires and officials, without argument or dissent.

2. Commitment and Attitude

- Give your best effort during training and matches.
- Be punctual and inform coaches or captains in advance if unavailable.
- Support your team on and off the field, promoting teamwork and encouragement.
- Refrain from using offensive, abusive, or inappropriate language or gestures.

3. Inclusivity and Sportsmanship

- Promote a welcoming and inclusive environment for all players regardless of background.
- Avoid any form of bullying, intimidation, or harassment – in person or online.
- Encourage fair play, shake hands with opponents, and congratulate others on good performances.

4. Junior Players (Under 18s)

- Always speak to an adult if you are worried, upset, or feel unsafe.
- Listen to your coaches and captains and ask questions if unsure.
- Never agree to keep secrets that make you uncomfortable.
- Do not use mobile phones in changing rooms.
- Be respectful. This includes on social media; do not post anything that could harm others or the club.

5. Senior Players

- Lead by example and support the development of younger players.
- Uphold the club's values and demonstrate positive behaviour on and off the field.
- Assist in creating a safe, respectful, and encouraging environment for juniors.

6. Alcohol, Smoking, and Substances

- Alcohol must not be consumed by players under 18 at any club function or match.
- No player shall be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during training or matches.
- Smoking and vaping are not permitted on the field of play or in front of juniors.

7. Breaches of Conduct

- Any breach of this Code of Conduct will be taken seriously and may result in disciplinary action.
- Persistent or serious breaches may lead to suspension or exclusion from club activities.

Acknowledgement

All players and parents/guardians (for juniors) are required to read, understand, and agree to this Code of Conduct before participating in club activities.

Signed –

Name –

Date –

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