

# Code of Conduct for Spectators

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## *Walsham Le Willows Cricket Club*

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### **1. Respect All Participants**

- Show appreciation for players, coaches, umpires, and officials, regardless of the outcome.
- Treat everyone with dignity and respect, whether they are from your club or the opposition.

### **2. Support Fair Play**

- Encourage fair play and support the Spirit of Cricket.
- Applaud effort and good performance from both teams, not just your own.

### **3. Uphold a Safe and Welcoming Environment**

- Refrain from any form of abuse, intimidation, or discriminatory language or behaviour, including on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Avoid any comments or conduct that could be seen as harassment or bullying.

### **4. No Interference with the Game**

- Do not attempt to influence match officials or players during the game.
- Do not enter the field of play or approach team areas unless expressly invited.

### **5. Responsible Behaviour at All Times**

- Use appropriate language and avoid excessive shouting or criticism.
- Ensure children in your care are supervised and understand the importance of respectful behaviour.
- Dispose of litter responsibly and respect club facilities.

### **6. Alcohol and Substance Use**

- Follow the host club's policies regarding the consumption of alcohol and prohibited substances.
- Behaviour influenced by alcohol or drugs that affects the safety or enjoyment of others will not be tolerated.

### **Unacceptable Behaviour Includes**

- Verbal abuse of players, coaches, officials, or other spectators
- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory remarks
- Aggressive shouting or swearing
- Public criticism of umpires or scorers
- Any conduct that breaches the ECB's Anti-Discrimination Code or Anti-Corruption Code

### **Consequences of Misconduct**

Clubs reserve the right to take action in response to breaches of this Code, which may include:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Removal from the ground or venue
- Banning orders from future matches
- Reporting serious incidents to the relevant County Board or the ECB

### **Acknowledgement**

All coaches are required to read, understand, and sign this Code of Conduct annually.

Signed

Coach Name –

Date –

### **Safeguarding Contact Details**

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### **ECB Safeguarding Kitbag resource**

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/kit-bag-resources>