



# Walsham Le Willows Cricket Club

## Player Code of Conduct

Reviewed Periodically

### 1 General Behaviour

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

### 2 Commitment and Attitude

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

### 3 Inclusivity and Sportsmanship

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

### 4 Junior Players (Under 18s)

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

### 5 Senior Players

- 5.1 Lead by example and support the development of younger players.
- 5.2 Uphold the club's values and demonstrate positive behaviour on and off the field.
- 5.3 Assist in creating a safe, respectful, and encouraging environment for juniors.
- 5.4 Alcohol, Smoking, and Substances
- 5.5 Alcohol must not be consumed by players under 18 at any club function or match.
- 5.6 No player shall be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during training or matches.
- 5.7 Smoking and vaping are not permitted on the field of play or in front of juniors.



## 6 Breaches of Conduct

- 6.1 Any breach of this Code of Conduct will be taken seriously and may result in disciplinary action.
- 6.2 Persistent or serious breaches may lead to suspension or exclusion from club activities.
- 6.3 Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every individual.
- 6.4 Treat all players equally, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or background.
- 6.5 Uphold the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and behaviour at all times.

## 7 Acknowledgement

- 7.1 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	

## 8 Safeguarding Contact Details

- 8.1 Tara Campbell, Walsham Cricket Club Welfare Officer - [safeguarding@wlwcc.org](mailto:safeguarding@wlwcc.org)
- 8.2 Lizzie Shaw, County Safeguarding Officer - [lshaw@suffolkricket.org](mailto:lshaw@suffolkricket.org)
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## 9 ECB Safeguarding Kitbag resource

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