

Purley Cricket Club: Junior Player's Code of Conduct

Purley Cricket Club ("the Club") is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. As a Junior Member (i.e. under age of eighteen) or a Parent of a Junior, you are expected to abide by the following Junior Club Code of Conduct. Parents are expected to set a good example as regards their own behaviour (and those accompanying them) for the benefit of Junior Members.

The Code:

The code of conduct applies to all matches played when representing the Club. It also applies to all training and practice sessions organised by the Club. All Junior Members are also expected to comply with the ECB code of conduct (at the bottom of this document)

Junior Members and Parents must:

1. SAFEGUARDING - Follow ECB guidelines set out in "Safe Hands – Cricket's policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued.
2. Respect, cooperate with and encourage their fellow Junior Members at all times, irrespective of their abilities. They should treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief.
3. Promote the positive aspects of cricket, e.g. *Spirit of Cricket & fair play. Behaviour should be in keeping with the dignity and best traditions of the game of cricket.
4. Encourage all participants to learn the rules and play within them.
5. Respect the decisions of match officials at all times.

Junior Members and Parents must not:

6. Use foul, abusive and inappropriate language on or off the field of play. Persecution, humiliation or ridiculing of others will not be tolerated
7. Use of intimidation, aggressive behaviour and deliberate distraction of opponents by words or actions are unacceptable.
8. The game should be played competitively, but the highest standards of sportsmanship must at all times be maintained.
9. Good performances and the achievements of both your team and the opponents should be recognised, not just the results.

SAFETY

10. Junior Members must wear suitable kit – (this must include a helmet, box, gloves and pads when a hard ball is being used) for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
11. Place the wellbeing and safety of young people above the development of performance.
12. Ensure the activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
13. Respect young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket.

Coaching Staff & Managers must:

1. SAFEGUARDING - Follow ECB guidelines set out in "Safe Hands – Cricket's policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued.
2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket.
3. Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief.
4. Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed.
5. Display high standards of behaviour at all time.
6. Promote the positive aspects of cricket, e.g. Spirit of Cricket & fair play
7. Encourage all participants to learn the rules, play within them and respect the decisions of match officials.
8. Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials.
9. Recognise good performance; not just match results.

SAFETY

10. Place the wellbeing and safety of young people above the development of performance.
11. Ensure the activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
12. Respect young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket.
13. Hold relevant ECB qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance.
14. Develop an appropriate working relationship with young players, based on mutual trust and respect.
15. SAFEGUARDING: Know, understand & follow the ECB guidelines set out in "Safe Hands – Cricket's policy for Safeguarding Children.

Failure to comply with this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken in accordance with the Club's disciplinary procedures.

Purley CC: Surrey Junior League

Coaches and Team Selection:

Coaches should aim to select the most competitive team for each game. Although in an ideal world we would like to win every league we feel that rotating players is a key to our player development. If managers feel that they need guidance, speak to the Head Coach.

Players should have the opportunity to play for Purley CC in different league tiers (within their age group) during the season, based on their skills and ability.

- Players should be part of a "pool" of players for their age group and be available to play across all tiers within their age group instead of being "ringfenced" to play in one tier during the season.
- Selection of players for matches are subject to players' attendance on training nights, i.e if players do not attend training, there is no guarantee they will be selected for matches.
- Whilst a player is playing for Purley Cricket Club we would expect good behaviour on and off the field, and played in the spirit of cricket, if we feel this isn't adhered to then appropriate action will be taken to remove the player from the team.

Benefits

- This allows players who improve their skills during the season to be considered for selection in a higher tier than one they may currently be playing in.
- This allows players who may benefit from playing against a lower/different level of opposition or improving an aspect of their game, to be considered for a selection in lower tier.

PLAYING FOR ANOTHER CLUB

- Juniors who enrol in Purley CC coaching program are not allowed to represent another cricket club in league competition without Colts' Coordinators' approval.

Playing Up/down

- 'Playing up' is when a player plays in an age group above their actual age group (i.e. an under 12 plays in the under 13 team).
 - Coaches, in consultation with players and parents / guardians, need to assess the skill development, physical and mental readiness of the player concerned and ensure they are playing at the appropriate level.
 - Safety is paramount, if the coach/head coach feels that playing up is not safe due to fielding restrictions then playing up may not be feasible.
 - In making a decision to 'play up', coaches should ensure the player continues to enjoy their cricket, the experience is positive and developmental, and the player has a supportive peer network. 'Play up' is applicable both indoors and outdoors.
 - Girls age group are more than welcomed to play up a year also are available to play down a year in the age group (e.g. under 12 girl playing in under 11 boys league)
 - Juniors must be available to play in their own age group before being selected to play up
- **The Head Coach has the final decision on team selection in the case of any disputes.**

If any other disputes arise, if its selection with our juniors, health and safety or any safeguarding issues then please refer these to our welfare officer/Head Coach.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for their child whilst being on the premises. This also includes our grounds away from the Ridge, Cricket for Change, John Fisher School where parents/guardians are responsible for their children as well as all away games representing Purley Cricket Club.

It is the parents' responsibility to pick the children up at the time when training ends. We would suggest arriving 5-10 minutes before training ends to avoid any parking issues. If this is not possible prior notice needs to be given to the junior coordinators on the night.

We would prefer all parents on match days to stay and supervise their children whilst playing the match. We understand this is not always possible but please let our managers/coaches know if your situation changes rather than drop and go.

England and Wales Cricket Board's Code of Conduct

(Note: In junior cricket, team captains can be deputised by team managers)

The ECB is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. The Code of Conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket as set out below. It applies to all matches played under the auspices of the ECB and may be applied to cricket in general.

Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.

Players and Team Officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the Umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards an Umpire at any time.

Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another player or a Spectator.

Players and Team Officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as "sledging") nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.

Players and Team Officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.

Players and Team Officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.

Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and Umpires.