



## Chard Cricket Club Code of Conduct

### *Purpose*

To ensure all members, players, coaches, officials, and spectators uphold the values of decency, integrity, and sportsmanship in line with ECB standards in order to promote a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all members and visitors, both on and off the field.

### *Scope*

This Code applies to:

- Players (senior and junior)
- Coaches and support staff
- Club officials and volunteers
- Spectators and parents/guardians
- Visitors to the Clubhouse, or attendees at events held at Chard Cricket Club
- Visiting teams and officials

### *Core Principles*

- Respect: For people, property, and the game. Treat all participants, officials, staff, members of the community, and spectators with dignity.
- Integrity: Uphold honest, fair and responsible conduct at all times.
- Inclusion: Promote equality and diversity; zero tolerance for discrimination.
- Safety: Prioritise physical and emotional safety for all.

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### **1. Player Conduct**

Players must:

- Play within the spirit and laws of cricket.
- Accept umpire decisions without dissent.
- Avoid abusive, offensive, or threatening language or gestures.
- Refrain from any form of discrimination, harassment, or bullying.
- Report any misconduct or safeguarding concerns.

### **2. Coach & Volunteer Conduct**

Coaches and volunteers must:

- Be role models of good behaviour and sportsmanship.
- Hold appropriate qualifications and DBS checks.
- Prioritise player welfare and development.





- Avoid any inappropriate relationships or communications with juniors.
- Follow ECB and Chard Cricket Club safeguarding and safety guidelines.

### **3. Parent & Spectator Conduct**

Parents and spectators must:

- Encourage fair play and applaud good performance from all teams.
- Never engage in offensive or abusive behaviour.
- Respect officials' decisions and avoid coaching from the sidelines.
- Support the club's efforts to provide a safe and inclusive environment.

### **4. Social Media & Communications**

All members must:

- Use social media responsibly and respectfully.
- Avoid posting content that could bring the club or cricket into disrepute.
- Never share personal or inappropriate content involving juniors.

### **5. Disciplinary Process**

Breaches of this Code will be addressed through the club's disciplinary procedures, aligned with ECB's General Conduct Regulations:

- Minor Offences: Verbal warning or written notice.
- Serious Offences: Suspension, expulsion, termination of membership or referral to the County Board or ECB.

### **6. Safeguarding**

The club adheres to the ECB's Safe Hands Policy and ensures:

- All junior activities are supervised by qualified, vetted adults.
- A Club Safeguarding Officer is appointed and accessible.
- All concerns are reported and managed confidentially.

### **7. Clubhouse Behaviour**

All members and visitors must follow the rules of the club and act legally at all times:

- No Smoking or Vaping in the clubhouse
- No Drugs
- Treat the clubhouse as a shared, respectful space.
- Refrain from disruptive behaviour.
- Consume alcohol responsibly and only in permitted areas.
- Keep the clubhouse clean and tidy; dispose of rubbish properly.
- Respect staff, volunteers, and other users of the facility.

### **8. Use of Equipment**

- Club equipment must be used responsibly and returned in good condition.
- Players must not misuse or damage club property.
- Junior players must only use equipment appropriate for their age and under supervision.





- Personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn as required.
- Any damage or faults must be reported immediately.

## **9. Grounds & Facilities Etiquette**

- Respect the playing surface; no littering or unnecessary wear.
- Only authorised personnel may prepare or mark pitches.
- Dogs should be kept on leads and cleaned up after.
- Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only.

## **10. Support and Encouragement**

In line with the spirit of the game and of Chard Cricket Club, all players, members, visitors, coaches and officials should:

- Offer support and encouragement to fellow members, players, and officials.
- Celebrate achievements and successes of all individuals within the club.

## **11. Review & Updates**

This Code will be reviewed annually or in response to ECB regulation updates.

Approved and adopted by the Cricket Club Committee

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