



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.

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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