

COWBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Introduction

At Cowbridge Cricket Club we want to make cricket a safe and enjoyable experience for our members young and old. This document details the policies of the Club in safeguarding our children, i.e. those under 18. Our Club is fully committed to following the policies and procedures outlined in the ECB's (The England and Wales Cricket Board) "Safe Hands" Manual and this document outlines the Cowbridge CC's practical interpretation of their aspirations. Any queries will be welcomed and should be addressed to the Club's Welfare Officer.

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1 Safeguarding Policy

Our underpinning principals are as follows:

- All participants should recognise and follow the Code of Conduct
- All junior cricket requires adequate supervision.
- All adults who work with children will be recruited appropriately which includes being vetted for their suitability to work with children.
- Physical contact should always be intended to meet the needs of the child not the adult.

2 Code of Conduct

The Club adheres to the ECB's Code of Conduct and a copy is attached. It is expected that parents, guardians and all members including children will do likewise.

3 Membership & Registration

No children may take part in Club activities unless the parent or guardian has completed the Membership and Registration Form and the Club subscription had been paid.

4 Helmets

In training and matches when hard balls are being used batsmen and wicket keepers must wear helmets and faceguards that are covered by BS7928:2013 (for both adults and juniors).

5 Fielding

In the U15 age group or younger no fielder may field closer than 8 yards from the middle stump and for U13 the distance is 11 yards.

In the U16 to U18 age groups fielders must wear abdominal protectors (“box”) when fielding within 6 yards of the middle stump except on the off side behind the wicket.

6 Fast Bowling

The ECB directives for matches is as that the maximum number of overs per spell per day are as follows:

Up to U13 maximum overs per spell is 5 overs and per day is 10.

U14 and U15 it is 6 and 12

U16 to U19 it is 7 and 18

The maximum number of balls per training session that may be bowled are:

U13 – 30

U14/U15/U16/U17 – 36

U18/U19 – 42

The maximum number of session per week are:

U13/U14/U15 – 2

U16/U17/U18 – 3

7 Open Age Cricket

Cowbridge CC encourages young players to play at their level of competence but will never place a player in a position of unreasonable risk.

8 Girls in Boys Age Group Cricket

Cowbridge CC encourages girls to play in boys' age group cricket. Any questions regarding this topic please contact the CWO.

9 Bullying and Inappropriate Behaviour

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our children so that they can train and play in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Bullying has no part in our Club. If bullying or inappropriate behaviour does occur all children should be able to tell an Officer and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. Anyone who knows that bullying or inappropriate behaviour is happening is expected to confide in an Official.

10 Changing Rooms and Showering

All ECB affiliated cricket clubs must have a Changing Policy. These guidelines apply to the arrangements to be made for adults, and children, using changing facilities. Clubs should make arrangements so that children and adults do not use the same changing facilities at the same time.

Best practice principles to be adopted by clubs, wherever possible, are as follows:

- Adults must not change, or shower, at the same time using the same facility as children - if the same changing room is used then they must have different times
- If adults and children need to share a changing facility, they must do so at different times.
- Mixed gender teams must have access to separate male and female changing rooms
- Due to the risks of inappropriate photography or filming, mobile phones must not be used in changing rooms

If children are uncomfortable changing or showering at the club, no pressure should be placed on them to do so. Suggest instead that they may change and shower at home.

11 Photography

Photographs of children training and playing may only be taken with the prior agreement of the parents or guardians. However by signing the Membership and Registration form parents and guardians are deemed to have given approval for Club Officials (who have been DBS checked) to take photographs and videos for Club purposes.

12 Transport

In order to attend away matches it is often necessary that children be transported by Club Officials or assisting parents or guardians. By signing the Membership and Registration form parents and guardians are confirming their approval of these arrangements.

13 Managing Children away from the Club

For away matches the Team Manager will provide parents and guardians with details of the time, date and venue. He/she will carry emergency contact details for each child and special medical details.

14 First Aid

By signing the Membership and Registration form parents and guardians are deemed to have consented to minor first aid being administered to children by Club Officials (who have been DBS checked and are qualified coaches or medically trained).

15 Missing Children

Should a child become missing when in the care of the Cowbridge Cricket Club measures will be taken to safeguard the other children present while a search is made for the missing child. Parents will be informed once the first search has not located the child. A further search will be instigated using all available adults and should the child not be found within 10 minutes the Police will be alerted.

16 e-safety

All persons connected with or attending Cowbridge Cricket Club will take responsibility for their own use of communication and interactive technologies ensuring that they are safely, responsibly and legally within the context of cricket.

No use may be made of any communication devices in any manner which is against the Club's Child Protection Policy. No devices may be used to upload material which is libellous, defamatory, obscene, illegal, or shows nudity or violence.

Breaches of this policy should be reported to a Club Official.

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17 ASK!

If children, parents or guardians have any questions regarding the above please ask the Club Welfare Officer whose name and contact details are on the Club notice board and website, www.cowbridgecricket.co.uk