



## Middlesex Cricket - Code of Conduct for Children & Young People

This Code of Conduct is designed for all children and young people participating in cricket. It's all about making sure you have fun, stay safe, and play the game in the right way. By taking part in our activities, you agree to follow these simple rules.

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### 1. Playing the Right Way

Cricket is a team sport, and it's most fun when everyone plays fairly.

- **The Spirit of Cricket:** Play hard, but play fair. Don't use "sledging" (saying mean things to opponents) or try to cheat to win.
- **Respect the Umpires:** Even if you think a decision is wrong, accept it gracefully. Never argue with an official.
- **Support Your Teammates:** Encourage others when they do well and back them up when they make a mistake. No one likes being blamed for a loss.

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### 2. How We Treat Each Other

We want everyone to feel welcome, no matter who they are.

- **Be Kind:** Bullying, name-calling, or making fun of others because of their skill level, how they look, or their background is never allowed.
- **Listen to Coaches:** When a coach or volunteer is talking, give them your full attention. This helps everyone learn and keeps the session safe.
- **Language:** Avoid using bad language or making rude gestures, even if you are frustrated.

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### 3. Staying Safe

Your safety is the most important thing to us.

- **Wear Your Gear:** Always wear the right safety equipment (like helmets and pads) when you are told to.
- **Stay with the Group:** Don't leave a training session or match without telling your coach or parent/carer.
- **Speak Up:** If someone makes you feel uncomfortable, sad, or scared—whether it's another player, a guest, or an adult—please tell a coach, your parents, or the **County Safeguarding Officer**. We are here to help you.

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### 4. Using Your Phone and Social Media

- **Photos:** Don't take photos or videos of other players in changing rooms or during sessions without permission.
- **Being Online:** Don't use social media or group chats to be mean to teammates or opponents. Remember, once you post something, you can't take it back.
- **Messaging:** If you need to contact a coach, always include your parent or carer in the message.

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### 5. Looking After Our Game

- **Respect the Club:** Take care of the equipment, the changing rooms, and the cricket ground. Pick up your litter and look after your kit.
  - **Be On Time:** Try to arrive ready to play so you don't miss out on the fun!
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## 6. What Happens if the Rules are Broken?

We want everyone to have a great time. If someone chooses not to follow this code:

1. A coach will have a chat with you to explain what went wrong.
  2. If it happens again, your parents or carers may be called.
  3. For serious or repeated problems, you may be asked to take a break from the team or the program.
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### Safeguarding Contacts:

**County Safeguarding Officer** – Amber Wright [safeguarding@middlesexccc.com](mailto:safeguarding@middlesexccc.com) / 07561 853999

**Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team** – [safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk)

**PAPYRUS Suicide Prevention: Contact:** Text 'HOPE' to: 88247 Webchat: [papyrus-uk.org](http://papyrus-uk.org)

Email: [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org) Telephone: [0800 068 41 41](tel:08000684141)

**NSPCC:** [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) or email [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk).

### My Promise

*I want to have fun and play cricket. I promise to follow this code and be a great teammate.*

**Player Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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