



Middlesex Cricket - Code of Conduct for Parents, Guardians/Carers & Guests

For the purpose of this document, Middlesex County Cricket Club and Middlesex in the Community shall be referred to as Middlesex Cricket.

This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for all parents, carers, and guests attending matches, training sessions, or events within Middlesex Cricket. Our goal is to provide a supportive, pressure-free environment where participants can develop their skills and enjoy the game.

1. The "Spirit of Cricket"

Cricket is a game that prides itself on sportsmanship. As a parent, carer, or guest, you are expected to:

- **Focus on Effort, Not Results:** Applaud good play from both teams. Encourage players for their hard work and progress rather than just the final score.
- **Respect the Officials:** Never publicly question or shout at an umpire, coach, or official. They are often volunteers giving up their time for the game.
- **Let the Coaches Coach:** Avoid shouting instructions from the boundary. Conflicting advice can confuse and stress the players.

2. Behavior and Environment

To maintain a family-friendly and professional atmosphere, all guests must:

- **Use Appropriate Language:** Refrain from using foul, abusive, or discriminatory language at all times.
- **Stay Off the Field:** Do not enter the field of play or the square unless specifically invited by an official.
- **Show Respect to Opponents:** Treat opposition players, parents, and coaches with the same respect you expect for your own team.
- **Self-Control:** Maintain dignity and calm, even in high-pressure moments of a match. Aggressive behavior or intimidation will not be tolerated.

3. Safeguarding and Wellbeing

The safety of children and vulnerable adults is our absolute priority:

- **Photography and Video:** Only take photos or videos of your own child unless you have explicit permission from other parents/carers and the Board. Never post images of other children on public social media.
- **Supervision:** Ensure your child is dropped off and picked up promptly. Middlesex Cricket/the club is responsible for the child only during the designated session times.
- **Reporting:** If you witness any behavior that concerns you regarding the safety or wellbeing of a participant, report it immediately to the **Club and County Safeguarding Officer (CSO)**.

4. Digital Conduct

- **Social Media:** Do not use social media to criticise players, officials, the club or Middlesex Cricket.
- **Privacy:** Respect the privacy of coaches and volunteers by using official communication

channels and not contacting during unsociable hours.

5. Health and Safety

- **Tobacco and Alcohol:** Our youth environments are smoke-free and vape-free. Please refrain from smoking/vaping near the boundary or participants. Alcohol consumption must be limited to designated licensed areas and must never impair your behavior around minors.
 - **Cleanliness:** Please ensure all litter is placed in bins to keep our facilities safe and welcoming.
-

6. Breach of Conduct

Middlesex Cricket reserves the right to take action if this code is breached. Actions may include:

1. **A verbal request** to change behavior.
 2. **A formal written warning.**
 3. **A temporary or permanent ban** from attending future matches or events.
 4. **Referral to the Cricket Regulator or External Authorities**
-

Safeguarding Contacts:

County Safeguarding Officer – Amber Wright safeguarding@middlesexccc.com / 07561 853999
Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team – safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk

Acknowledgment

By attending Board events and supporting your child's participation, you agree to uphold the values and rules set out in this Code of Conduct.

Player Name: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Date: _____

Document Owner: Amber Wright – County Safeguarding Officer

Date Reviewed: April 2026

Review Due: April 2029