

Code of conduct for junior members and their parents, guardians and carers



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Acton Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its junior members to ensure that all young cricketers have a safe and positive experience. As such, the ECB's 'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' is embedded within the Club's Code of Conduct for all members to adhere to.

Acton Cricket Club believes that it is imperative that junior and senior members, coaches, administrators and parents, carers and guardians associated with the Club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

All junior members of Acton Cricket Club are expected to understand and adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants and opponents regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Treat all players as you would like to be treated yourself recognising verbal or physical abuse are totally unacceptable.
- Play cricket because you want to and because you enjoy playing, not to please your parents or coaches.
- Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions at all times, appreciate the efforts of coaches, team managers and parents and respect their decisions.
- Always wear the appropriate protective equipment.
- Remember cricket is not an individual sport it is a team game. Recognise good play not only from your own team but also the opposition and display good sportsmanship whether you win, lose or draw. Accept all umpires decisions without dispute or comment at all times.
- Learn and play to the laws of the game.
- Recognise that all young players have the right to participate in a safe and friendly environment. Understand you have the right to report any incident or occurrence that you feel uncomfortable about, to either an adult or club official, and know how to do this.

Child Welfare Officer

Members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the club's Child Welfare Officer, Helen Reeve, where possible.

Helen can be contacted on 07912 673277.

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All parents, guardians and carers of junior members of Acton Cricket Club are expected to understand and adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

- Ensure your child understands the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Colts.
- Be familiar with the dates and times of the club's coaching and training programme as well as the colts fixtures in order that you can ensure that your child is fully involved and punctual.
- Inform the relevant team manager, giving as much notice as possible, if your child becomes unavailable after being selected to represent the club so a replacement can be found.
- Understand that junior members must wear suitable kit – whites, cricket shoes, helmet (when batting or wicket keeping) and protection– for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- All parents, guardians and carers are expected to pay any fees for training (including annual subscriptions) or for specific events promptly and in line with the club's instructions.
- Share any concerns you may have with club officials.
- Support your child's involvement and help them enjoy their cricket, but do not force them to play cricket. Recognize children's efforts and performances, rather than winning and losing.
- Always show appreciation of good play from both Acton Cricket Club and the opposition.
- Encourage your child to learn the laws of cricket and play within them at all times.
- Respect decisions made by managers and coaches and encourage the young players to do likewise.
- Use correct and appropriate language at all times. Do not shout or offer advice from the boundary.
- If at all possible please volunteer your help at coaching sessions or on match days. The junior section is heavily reliant on parents, carers and guardians becoming involved.

'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children'

A copy of this document is available for inspection from the club's Child Welfare Officer or downloadable from the ECB website:

www.ecb.co.uk/child-welfare/download-safe-hands.html