

Acton Cricket Club

E-safety Policy

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Acton Cricket Club (the "Club") is wholeheartedly 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 recognises the increased use of technology and it's potential impact on safeguarding young people.

All club officers, members, appointed volunteers and guests of this club will:

- Take responsibility for their own use of communication and interactive technologies, making sure they use new technologies safely, responsibly and legally within the context of young people at the Club.
- Not use communication devices or services, including interactive services such as social networking, for inappropriate behaviour online or compromise the safety of young people at Acton Cricket Club. For the avoidance of doubt this includes bullying or harassment in any form, defamation, obscene or abusive language and the uploading of material which is libellous, defamatory, obscene, illegal, shows nudity or is violent.
- Report any known misuses of communication and / or interactive technologies within the context of young people at Acton Cricket Club, including unacceptable behaviour, inappropriate contact with children online and illegal content, including sexual abuse/indecent images of children and / or adults, according to the relevant club and ECB safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Need to be aware that any report of the misuse of communication and / or interactive technologies within the context of young people at Acton Cricket Club will be investigated according to the club's policy and procedures and may result in sanctions being enforced. Depending upon the seriousness of any incident, legal action may be taken and where suspected criminal activity has taken place a report will be made to the police. In addition, and in respect of young people at Acton Cricket Club, officers and appointed volunteers will:
 - Take responsibility for their personal and professional reputation in the online environment, making sure they follow e-safety advice, adhere to privacy and safety settings and report any concerns in accordance with club and ECB policies and procedures.
 - Not ask for email addresses, mobile phone numbers or social networking profiles of young people (less than 18 years of age) or search for young people on social networking services/search engines without prior consent of parents in line with the club's existing policy on the use of information including emergency situations.
 - Not develop an online relationship with any young people with the intention of meeting them offline to engage in sexual activity. Sexual exploitation, including grooming a child under the age of 16 for the purpose of meeting to engage in sexual activity, is a serious criminal offence.

- Not view, possess, make or distribute sexual abuse/indecent images of young people (less than 18 years of age). This is a serious criminal offence.

Further information including a selection of online guides for children, parents/carers and volunteers are available from:-

www.childnet.com

Know it all Guide www.thinkuknow.co.uk