



Parents & Players Code of Conduct

Bucks Cricket is committed to the player's wellbeing, future development, and realisation of potential. Our principles that underpin our Child Protection Policy that relate to this Code of Conduct are:

- The child's welfare is paramount.
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- All children have the right to be safe and treated with dignity and respect.

This code applies to all activities run by the Bucks Cricket. Any matters regarding this code should be addressed to either the CEO, Richard Hudson Richard.hudson@bucks cricket.co.uk or the safeguarding officer Harriett Mather safeguarding@bucks cricket.co.uk

BUCKS CRICKET AGREES TO PROVIDE:

- A safe and enjoyable environment in which the player can learn and develop without fear or abuse.
- A structured cricket learning programme – of training matches - appropriate to the age, ability, and growth of the player.
- Trained and qualified coaching and other staff and facilities.
- Guidelines to the players and parents/guardians on the best ways for them to contribute to the player's cricketing and personal development.

THE PLAYER AGREES TO:

- Work towards the attainment of his/her full potential
- Remember playing cricket is fun – do not do it simply to please parents and coaches
- Attend Bucks Cricket events regularly and punctually, behave with self-discipline and give notice of and reasons for any absence.
- Listen to and take on board guidance given by Bucks Cricket coaches
- Abide by the Spirit, as well as the letter, of the laws of cricket
- Always accept the umpire's decision and not to show any dissent
- Behave and dress in an appropriate manner (both on and off the field) when participating in Bucks Cricket activities – and abide by local practice rules when warming up
- Play cricket in a competitive manner but maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship.
- Accept victory and defeat with dignity and grace.
- Not to use foul or abusive language on or off the field.
- Not to attempt to intimidate or deliberately distract opponents by acts of gamesmanship or aggressive behaviour.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Co-operate with coaches, officials, team-mates, and opponents - remember without them there would be no game
- Ensure that, when applicable, strict confidentiality is adhered to in respect of any Bucks Cricket CIO activity, official, player or parent.
- Abide by the Bucks Cricket social media policy
- Follow a lifestyle appropriate to development and sporting excellence - for example by spending leisure time positively – eating and drinking healthily, relaxing, and sleeping sensibly.
- Not to take or possess any stimulant or harmful substance whilst participating in a Bucks Cricket fixture, tour, or festival.

- During festivals and tours to behave in residences and in free time activities in a way not to cause inconvenience or annoyance to anyone - players must be in their own rooms by the time specified by the Team Manager (who has sole responsibility on and off the field).

THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS (FAMILIES) AGREE TO:

- Understand that the overall aim of the Bucks Cricket Pathway is for long-term development and continual improvement of its players and teams, without a fixation on short-term results
- Encourage and help the player to realise their potential, including abiding by this Code of Conduct.
- Support the player without pressure, praise good work and refrain from criticising lapses.
- Foster an enjoyment of the game that will endure no matter what level they play at.
- Set a good example to the player and create a positive environment for everyone involved
- Respect the opportunity given to the player.
- Communicate with the Bucks Cricket officials, keeping them informed about matters affecting the player
- Not go on to the field or to give advice about the game to their child at any stage of the match.
- Not enter the dressing room at any stage of the match except in exceptional circumstances, such as injury, when this may be waived at the discretion and invitation of a team official.
- Ensure their child remains with the team during the duration of the match to ensure greater team spirit and aid their child's cricket education.
- Not undermine the role of the manager/coach during or after matches, by giving different advice to that which your child has been given.
- Not to film matches (e.g. for GCSE coursework) unless permission has been granted by the relevant Bucks Cricket coach/official in writing, having checked with the opposition for safeguarding purposes
- Express areas of concern (cricket, safeguarding or otherwise) with Bucks Cricket officials in private.
- Be familiar with the Bucks Cricket Pathway approach and structure, as detailed on our website: <https://bucksicricket.co.uk/pages/pathway-structure>

IN GENERAL:

- Team Tactics will be the sole responsibility of the Management team (Manager, Coach, Captain and Vice-Captain). They should not be publicly criticised by players, parents/guardians, or non-participants.
- Batting Order will be determined by the Management team.
- Players' performances will not be the subject of judgement and criticism by other players, parents/guardians, and non-participants.
- Helmets: wicket-keepers standing up to the wicket, and all batters, will wear a helmet.
- Kit: Players should wear the appropriate Bucks Cricket clothing to training and matches. We would encourage players not to wear county kit in club/school matches, nor to County Trials.

Anti-Discrimination

Tackling discrimination and promoting greater inclusion and diversity across the game is a priority as we strive to stamp out any form of discrimination and to make the game more inclusive and diverse.

We therefore ask everyone to play an active role in making Cricket a game for everyone and by noting that Bucks Cricket is fully signed up to the [ECB Anti-Discrimination code](#).