

Codes of Conduct - Youth Cricket

Tunbridge Wells Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. It is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times respect the contribution of each other and be encouraged to be open at all times and to share any comments that they may have on any Club matter.

1. Youth members

Behaviour

TW Youth Cricket prides itself on its reputation:

- We honour the Spirit of the Game and play by the Rules of the Game
- No foul or abusive language will be permitted at any time
- We do not tolerate any form of bullying of fellow Club members
- We play tough but fair, always extending the hand of friendship before and after the game, and respect, during it
- Encouragement of team mates on the field of play is strongly encouraged
- We never question an umpire's decision but we can ask for clarification
- Batsmen 'walk' if they know they hit a ball that is caught
- Sledging is not permitted; friendly banter is
- Players look smart on the field of play and remain standing at any break in play.
- Members must keep to agreed timings for training and competitions
- Members must pay any fees promptly
- Members may not smoke/consume alcohol/drugs of any kind, on Club premises or whilst representing the club

Failure to abide by these rules may result in the cancellation of Club membership

Discipline code – training sessions

We will only coach children who want to listen and learn. Any misbehaviour will be subject to our discipline code, which parents agreed to when they accepted membership on behalf of their child. At the start of the season lead coaches remind members of our code and the consequences of not keeping to it.

Discipline steps ('cards' are metaphorical - the 'slate is not wiped clean at the end any season):

If an individual continues to misbehave (in the opinion of any coach in that group) the following will obtain:

Strike 1 - Member warned by Group Lead coach to behave and that a repeat will result in being 'sin-binned' for 10 minutes (sitting out on the boundary)

Strike 2 - Member 'Yellow Carded' - player sin-binned for 10 minutes and given last chance. Coach emails parent, copying TWCC Club Welfare Officer (CWO) and Youth Chairman, advising that the next occurrence will lead to membership cancellation.

Strike 3 - Member 'Red Carded', player sin-binned for the rest of the session

- At the session end, the Lead coach together with either the CWO or the Youth Chairman, advises the parent face-to-face (where at all possible), why membership is being cancelled
- Lead Coach emails Youth Chairman and CWO with reasons why the action has been taken.
- Youth Chairman sends confirmatory email to parents

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Players dress

TW players always look like cricketers: 'look smart, play smart. All items available through our online shop

- In matches players must wear Club shirts and white/navy trousers, socks. At training, we expect the same standards of smartness.
- Club caps are preferable NO 'fashion' caps should be worn. Floppy hats either white or blue; blue helmets are preferred

2. Club officials and volunteers

Must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with players, based on mutual trust and respect
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age/ability/experience of those taking part
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket (e.g. fair play)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the ECB and the Club
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications; insurance cover is provided by TWCC
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances

3. Visitors to the Club (including parents/guardians)

Please:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times

Anyone breaking the codes may have their membership cancelled and/or be asked to leave Club premises, or any location where the Club is playing.

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