



Policy on Junior Cricketers playing in Senior Matches

Introduction

The ECB has issued the following guidance covering the participation of young cricketers in senior matches. This guidance applies to boys and girls and any reference to he/his should be interpreted to include she/her. http://www.ecb.co.uk/sites/default/files/kb37_cricket_specific_safeguarding_guidance_-_ecb_guidelines_for_junior_players_in_open_age_group_cricket.pdf

Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

Guidance for Clubs and Leagues

All clubs must recognise that they have a duty of care towards all young players who are representing the club. This duty of care also extends to Leagues that allow the participation of young players in adult teams in their League.

The duty of care should be interpreted in two ways:

- Not to place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player.
- Not to create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.

In addition the following specific requirements apply to young players in adult matches

All young players who have not reached their 18th birthday must wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket. Parental consent not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in adult matches. A young player acting as a runner must also wear a helmet even if the player he is running for is not doing so.

The current ECB fielding regulations must be adhered to and enforced by the umpires and captain. The umpires are empowered by these fielding regulations to stop the game immediately if a young player comes within the restricted distance.

The umpires and the opposing captain must be notified of the age group of all players participating in an adult match who are in the Under 19 age group or younger even if the player is not a fast bowler. This requirement also covers any young player taking the field as a substitute fielder. The ECB Team Sheet cards are freely available to facilitate this.

Any player in the Under 13 age group and younger must have explicit written consent from a parent or guardian before participating in adult matches. Clubs must ensure that their player registration procedures ensure that consent is obtained.

The guidance related to changing and showering (see: http://www.ecb.co.uk/sites/default/files/kb13_putting_things_in_place_-_ecb_guidelines_on_changing_rooms_and_showering_facilities.pdf) must be adhered to.

Any club wishing to play a player in the Under 11 age group in an adult League or Cup match must obtain the explicit prior approval of the League or Cup management before the player can play. Approval should only be given to exceptionally talented players. It is recommended that advice is sought from the County Age Group Coach or other ECB Level 3 coach as appropriate.



Clubs and Leagues can apply more strict restrictions on the participation of young players in adult matches at their discretion.

It is strongly recommended that a parent, guardian or other identified responsible adult is present whenever a player in the Under 13 age group or younger plays in an adult match.

This could include the captain or other identified senior player taking responsibility for the young player.

~~Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club~~

~~CODE of CONDUCT~~

~~Members, Guests, employees of Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club (the Club), and other participants are required to abide by the provisions of this Code of Conduct and any subsequent updates as may be in force from time to time; and, by their presence on Club premises, taking part in, attending, or supporting events or activities related to the Club, irrespective of where they are held, they are deemed to have accepted and agreed to abide by the provisions of this Code and any other relevant Codes of Conduct, Rules or Regulations the Club may adopt from time to time at General Meetings, or to which it is otherwise subject.~~

~~Rules applying to all Members, guests, employees, coaches, volunteers, and other participants or users of the Club (referred to collectively as "Members").~~

~~Members must:~~

- ~~• Respect the rights, dignity, privacy, feelings and views of all other Members in the context of all activities of this Club~~
- ~~• Treat everyone with equal respect and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief;~~
- ~~• Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination, if witnessed;~~



- ~~Display high standards of behaviour and appearance at all times, whether on Club premises or elsewhere, when representing or being associated with the Club in any capacity, including as a spectator, at a social activity, and on social media;~~
- ~~Not behave in a way that puts the good reputation or values of the Club, or of cricket generally, at risk; nor behave in any way that adversely affects other Members' enjoyment of the Club;~~
- ~~Use proper language at all times when representing or being associated with the Club, both on and off the field of play, including on social media, and when using the Club facilities for any reason;~~
- ~~Extend friendliness and support to all other Members when involved in any activities of the Club, whether at the Club or elsewhere, both on and off the field of play, including on social media, and when using the Club premises;~~
- ~~Accept the decisions of the Club, made in accordance with the Constitution and the Club Rules;~~
- ~~Accept and respect the decisions of coaches, captains, umpires and others involved in training, team selection, and on-field decisions, and refrain from showing signs of dissent, especially when Colts are present;~~
- ~~Comply with the Laws and Spirit of Cricket. The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.~~
- ~~Support and encourage play within the rules of cricket and fair play. Recognise good performance, not just the result.~~
- ~~If acting as Umpires, comply with the Laws of Cricket, and follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body, the League and the Club, and be impartial in making decisions, and behave in good faith and sportingly.~~
- ~~Show respect for guests, visiting sides and officials both on and off the field;~~



- ~~• Comply with the Club's and ECB policies and rules on safeguarding and protecting children and report any concerns to the Club Welfare Officer;~~
- ~~• Comply with the ECB and the Club's policies on (i) Anti-bullying, (ii) e-safety, and (iii) Inclusion and Diversity, and report any breaches to the Club Welfare Officer and/or the Chair of the Management Committee.~~

NOTE:

~~If a breach of any of the provisions or principles of this Code occurs or is reasonably suspected to have occurred, the Club reserves the right to take such action as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, requiring the person responsible for the breach to leave the Club premises. Any disciplinary or complaint hearings in connection with a breach of this Code shall be conducted in accordance with the disciplinary procedure as set out in the Club Constitution or Rules, as may be amended from time to time. Members agree to accept the decisions of any Disciplinary Panel, duly appointed.~~

~~Annexes 1 and 2 form part of this Code.~~

~~Adopted: 25th February, 2014~~

~~Annex 1: Additional Code for Coaches and others working with Junior and Youth Cricketers~~

~~Annex 2: Additional Code for Players, including Junior and Youth Cricketers~~



Annex 1

~~Additional Code of Conduct for Coaches and other Volunteers working with Junior and Youth cricketers~~

~~All coaches, assistant coaches and others working with Junior and Youth cricketers and Junior and Youth teams (referred to collectively as coaches).~~

All coaches must:

- ~~• Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules of cricket and to play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials;~~
- ~~• Actively discourage unfair play, rule-violations and arguing with match officials;~~
- ~~• Promote the positive aspects of Cricket, such as fair play;~~
- ~~• Recognise good performance, not just match results;~~
- ~~• Place the well-being and safety of children above the development of performance;~~
- ~~• Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual;~~
- ~~• Respect children's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket;~~
- ~~• Not smoke, drink or use banned substances while actively working with children in the Club;~~



- ~~Not provide children with alcohol, cigarettes or banned substances when they are under the supervision of the Club (at training, matches or other Club supported activities)~~
- ~~Follow ECB guidelines set out in the 'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' and any other relevant guidelines issued;~~
- ~~Report any concerns in relation to a child or other vulnerable Member to the Club Welfare Officer;~~
- ~~Have been appropriately vetted, if required, before taking on their role;~~
- ~~Hold relevant and current qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance ;~~
- ~~Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations) and encourage an open environment;~~
- ~~Develop an appropriate working relationship with young players, based on mutual trust and respect;~~
- ~~Ensure that physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines, with the young player's full consent and approval;~~
- ~~Not engage in any form of sexually-related contact with a young player. This is strictly forbidden, as is sexual innuendo, flirting or inappropriate gestures and terms. The ECB adopts the Home Office guidelines which recommend the principle that "People in positions of trust and authority do not have sexual relationships with 16-17 year olds in their care";~~
- ~~Attend appropriate training to keep up to date with their role, including First Aid and Safeguarding of children.~~

~~Re-Adopted: 7th November 2014~~



Annex 2

Additional Code of Conduct for all Players, including Juniors and Youth Cricketers

Players must:

- Behave honestly and sportingly, and support and encourage their team-mates;
- Play within the Laws of Cricket, and respect Umpires and Captains and accept their decisions;
- Comply with the rules of the leagues or competitions in which the Club is participating from time to time;
- Avoid swearing and showing any signs of dissent with officials or captains;
- Be on time for matches and training, and make Captains and coaches aware of their availability or non-availability in good time;
- Pay any due fees on time;
- Offer to help Captains and Coaches with pitch-preparation, administrative activities (such as umpiring and scoring) and post-match duties, when appropriate;



- ~~Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance, and apologise for any improper behaviour, if required to do so by the captain or any official;~~
- ~~Show respect for their opponents on and off the field of play;~~

~~Re-Adopted: 7th November 2014~~