



EMCC Code of Conduct for all Players

(Note: in Junior cricket, team captains can be deputised by team managers)

This code of conduct applies to all matches played when representing the Club. It also applies to all training and practice sessions organised by the Club. Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken in accordance with the Club's disciplinary procedures.

EMCC is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. The Code of Conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket as set out below. It applies to all matches played.

Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.

Players and team officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards an umpire at any time.

Players and team officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player or spectator.

Players and team officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as 'sledging') nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.

Players and team officials shall not make racially abusive comments or indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.

Players and team officials shall not use or in any way be concerned with the use or distribution of illegal drugs.

Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and umpires (see Parents/Carers/Supporters Code of Conduct).

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action, which is seen to abuse this spirit, causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

Responsibility of Captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Games as well as within the Laws.

Responsibility of Senior Captains with Juniors in their team

Captains must comply with EMCC's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures. Should a captain have any concern over a child's welfare they should immediately contact the EMCC Welfare Officer. In the event of a concern over a player's performance or behaviour, the captain should always communicate in an open environment with another adult present and notify and include the player's parents/carers.

Players' Conduct

In the event of any player failing to comply with the instructions of the umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain requesting the latter to take action.

Fair and Unfair Play

According to the Laws, the umpires are the sole judges of Fair and Unfair Play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action when required. The umpires are authorised to intervene in the cases of time wasting, damaging the pitch, tampering with the ball, or any action that they consider to be unfair.

Spirit of the Game

The Spirit of the Game involves respect of your opponents, your own captain and team, the role of the umpires and the game's traditional values. It is against the Spirit of the Game to a) dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture; b) direct abusive language towards a fellow player or umpire; c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.

Violence

There is no place for any evidence of violence on the field of play.

Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match and every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

Junior Players

EMCC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of its members. A Junior member is an individual under the age of eighteen and a member of the Club. A Junior player must comply with the Code of Conduct:

- Respect, cooperate with and encourage their fellow players at all times, irrespective of their abilities. Persecution, humiliation or ridiculing of others will not be tolerated.
- Behaviour and dress both on and off the field should be in keeping with the best traditions of the game and comply with ECB guidelines.
- Foul, abusive and inappropriate language on or off the field of play is unacceptable.
- Intimidation, aggressive behaviour and deliberate distraction of opponents by words or actions is unacceptable.
- Dissent at umpiring decisions is unacceptable.
- The game should be played competitively, but the highest standards of sportsmanship must at all times be maintained. Recognising the achievements of both your team mates and opponents is expected. Do not glory in someone's failure.
- Remember that your conduct is a reflection not only on yourself but also on the Club as a whole. Conduct which damages the reputation of the Club will not be tolerated.
- Keep to agreed training times and inform coach/team manager if running late.
- Always respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Never behave in a disruptive way during training session, matches or at other club events.
- Never consume or purchase alcohol or drugs of any kind on the Club premises or whilst representing the Club.
- Never smoke on Club premises or whilst representing the Club.
- Do their best at all times to improve their cricket skills and maximise their own potential, at whatever level of playing ability that may be.
- Under no circumstance, make contact with a coach directly by email, text or phone.

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