



## Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

Note: Where we refer to 'parents' we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term 'children' or 'child' describes any person under the age of 18. When we refer to "club" we mean Herefordshire Cricket Ltd.

As a parent of a child taking part in our club or activity, we'd like you to:

### The essentials

- make sure your child has the right kit for the session as well as enough food and drink
- make sure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly; or let us know if you're running late or if your child is going home with someone else
- complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes
- make sure your child wears appropriate protective cricket kit of an acceptable standard
- maintain a good relationship with your child's coach
- talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child's involvement - we want to hear from you

### Behaviour

- Respect everyone
- The coaches are there to run the matches and be with the players, if you need to speak to a coach then please arrange a time away from the game.
- try and learn about your child's sport and what it means to them, remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in sport, like · making friends, getting exercise and developing skills. It's not all about winning and losing.
- behave positively on the sidelines and lead by example, do not use loud, suggestive or bad language as this will not be tolerated at any time by anyone to anyone.
- think about how the way you react and behave effects not just your child but other children too
- encourage your child to respect and celebrate differences in the club
- Accept the official's decisions
- do not enter the field of play/coaching arena to give advice about the game to your child at any stage of the match or coaching session.

- use social media responsibly when talking about what goes on at our club, by behaving in the same way online as you would in person
- Do not take photographs without consent that includes the officials
- talk to your child about embracing good sportsmanship and the “spirit of cricket”.
- encourage your child to play by the rules.

**As a parent, we understand you have the right to:**

- be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us
- see any of our policies and procedures at any time
- know who the safeguarding officer responsible for your child is and have their contact details
- know what training and qualifications our staff have
- be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child
- be informed if your child is injured
- have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to

We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code of conduct. If any parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with the parent and aim to resolve the issue. Persistent concerns or breaches may result in parents being asked not to attend games if their attendance is considered a risk to the welfare and enjoyment of young participants.

**Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking your child to leave the activity, event or club permanently, something we never want to do**

All activities are governed by the guidelines drawn up and encouraged by the ECB safe hands policy <https://www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/policy-and-procedures> and followed by Herefordshire Cricket, (HCL).