



## CODE OF CONDUCT – PLAYERS

This Code applies to all youth cricket played under the jurisdiction of Herefordshire Cricket LTD (HCL)

- All players should adhere to the “Spirit of Cricket” as outlined by MCC <https://www.lords.org/mcc/mcc-spirit-of-cricket/what-is-mcc-spirit-of-cricket/> and supported by the ECB
- The umpire’s decision must be accepted at all times and no show of dissent or disagreement is to be made. The team coach will, before the match, make umpires aware of the standards expected from Herefordshire teams and request that any disturbing incidents, comments or actions during play be reported to the team manager at the earliest available interval.
- Behavior at any match, wherever played, should be such as causing no offence to ground authorities, spectators or any other person. Local practice rules must be observed.
- HCL aim to give players the opportunity of playing at a high level and it is recognised that games are likely to be competitive and hard fought. Nevertheless, players are expected to show the highest standards of sportsmanship in line with MCC Spirit of Cricket. This should not need further explanation but, for example, the following are not acceptable:
  - Foul or abusive language on or off the field.
  - Intimidation or deliberate distraction of opponents orally or by acts of gamesmanship or aggressive behaviour.
  - Discrimination and bullying of anyone concerned
- Players must arrive at, and leave from, matches dressed in clothing appropriate to the team for which they are playing, as specified by the team manager. Players are also requested to ensure that all changing, coaching and match areas are left clean and tidy.
- Players will not be permitted to smoke or drink alcohol whilst participating in a Herefordshire fixture. The abuse of tobacco, or any other stimulant or harmful substance, whilst representing the County will be a disciplinary offence.
- During Festivals and tours, or on Regional or National representation, behaviour in residences and in free time activities should be such as to cause no inconvenience or annoyance to anyone. Players must be in their own rooms by the time specified by

the team manager. The team manager is responsible for the behaviour of his team on and off the field and must receive full co-operation from all the players. Incidents or disclosures will be reported and recorded by the officers in charge and disciplinary measures will be dealt with by officers concerned and also by the CSO if present and a later date.

- Where a breach of the Code is proven a player may be warned as to his/her future conduct. This will be reported to the County Safeguarding Officer (CSO) who will deal with any disciplinary measure which may include; suspension or a ban from all cricket board activity for a given period of time. Further legal proceedings may occur if a serious welfare case occurs.
- Breach of conduct whilst representing a SCHOOL or a CLUB on behalf of HCL may result in disciplinary action being taken that could jeopardise a player's selection for Junior Inter-County, Regional and National Cricket. (As in item 8)
- Protective clothing. Each player is expected to always provide his/her own protective clothing. This must include helmets, batting gloves, batting pads and, for a boy, a box as a bare minimum. Other items such as but not limited to thigh guards etc. are a matter for each player and/or his/her parents. [ECB Regulations Protective Equipment](#)
- Helmets must be worn at all times when batting or when standing up to the wicket when keeping wicket for Herefordshire. Fielding guidelines apply to this rule also. (This applies to Under 18's only)