

## **MCCF Codes of Conduct for Players and Parents/Guardians**

As a Parent/Guardian of a MCCF Hub programme attendee, it is your responsibility to read this document with your child/young person in your care to outline the codes of conduct we expect from players and parents.

The MCC Foundation is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its players. The MCCF believes that it is important that players, coaches, administrators and parents associated to the programme should, at all times, show respect, be encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaint that they may have about any aspect of the MCCF Hub programme.

As a player or a Parent, you are expected to abide by the following Codes of Conduct as they apply appropriately to you. Parents are expected to set a good example as regards to their own behaviour (and those accompanying them) for the benefit of the players.

**By attending the MCCF Hub programme and affiliated events, you and your child are agreeing to abide by these codes of conduct.**

### **Code of Conduct for MCCF Players**

This code of conduct applies to all training sessions and events organised by MCCF and to all matches played when representing a MCCF Hub.

All players are expected to comply with the England and Wales Cricket Board code of conduct (see below) and that, by taking part in activities organised by MCCF, you agree to comply with all reasonable instructions from Hub Managers, coaches and the MCCF Executive team.

To comply with all other reasonable instructions from other players and officers of the MCCF including, but not limited to, any directives and instructions which may be displayed from time to time during the Hub programme and matches:

- Players and parents agree to 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.
- Players, under no circumstances, must make contact with a coach directly by email, text or call.
- Behaviour and dress both on and off the field should be in keeping with the dignity and best traditions of the game of cricket.
- Foul, abusive and inappropriate language at training sessions and on or off the field of play is unacceptable.
- Intimidation, aggressive behaviour and deliberate distractions of opponents by words or actions are 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. Recognise the achievements of both your team-mates and your opponents. Do not glory in their failures.
- Remember that your conduct is a reflection not only on yourself, but also on the MCCF as a whole. Conduct which damages the reputation of the MCCF will not be tolerated.
- Players and their Parents should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their Hub Manager or coach if they are going to be late.
- Players must wear suitable kit – (this must include a helmet, box where applicable, gloves and pads when a hard ball is being used) for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager. If you do not have kit of your own, you will be able to borrow kit for the training sessions and matches. Helmets must be worn for all hard ball batting and wicket-keeping in nets.
- Players are not allowed to consume or purchase alcohol or drugs of any kind whilst representing the MCCF (this includes training sessions and matches). Players are not allowed to smoke (including e-cigarettes/vapes) whilst representing the MCCF.
- Players agree to 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. Any conduct by a Player or Parent that prevents a Player from doing the same is unacceptable.

Failure to comply with this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken in accordance with the MCCF's disciplinary procedures.

### **England and Wales Cricket Board's Code of Conduct**

The ECB 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 under the auspices of the ECB and may be applied to cricket in general.

Hub Managers and coaches are responsible at all times for ensuring the 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 a 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 nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. The MCCF operates an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations, and welcomes players regardless of

their gender, race or socio-economic circumstance.

Hub Managers must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their supporters towards Players and Umpires.

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 Hub Managers.

**Players' Conduct:** In the event that any player failing to comply with the instructions of the Umpire, criticising their decision by word or action, 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 Hub Manager 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 Hub Managers/Coaches 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 for 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 an opponent or umpire; (c) 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 act of violence on the field of play.

**Players:** Hub Managers, coaches 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.

### **Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians**

If your child's circumstances change and your child starts to attend a fee-paying school, or is part of the county pathway, you must discuss this with your Hub Manager as soon as possible.

All Parents/Guardians will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket.
- Treat everyone equally 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 it witnessed.
- Display high standards of behaviour at all times.
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket, eg Spirit of Cricket and fair play.
- Encourage all participants to learn the rules, play within them and respect the decisions of match officials.
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials.
- Recognise good performance, not just match results.
- Encourage player development through implicit learning, embracing the role that failure can play in a players self-awareness, skill acquisition and decision making.
- Place the wellbeing and safety of young people above the development of performance.
- Ensure the activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
- Respect young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket.
- Sit away from the players when requested by coaching staff during training sessions and matches.
- Not to smoke in the vicinity of players, drink excessive alcohol or use banned substances whilst supporting.
- Not provide young people with alcohol, nicotine or banned substances when they are engaged in MCCF activities.
- Not photograph or film Hub players or activities. Exceptions to this can be made when requested in writing to the Hub Manager in advance for specific reasons, for example to fulfil GCSE PE filming assessment requirements.