



Romiley Cricket Club

MEMBERS CHARTER: CODE OF CONDUCT

The members charter: Code of Conduct has been produced to ensure that all sporting and social activities at Romiley Cricket Club (RCC) are conducted fairly, sensibly and enjoyably. It is expected that everyone connected with RCC, member, player, parent or spectator will adhere to the simple guidelines set out in this Charter.

- At all times act in a manner consistent with the spirit of the game and the reputation of RCC
- Adhere to the RCC Players Code of Conduct
- Treat others as you would expect to be treated yourself
- Respect fellow members, staff, officials, opposing players and spectators
- Respect decisions made by Officials
- Look after Club equipment and facilities as if it were your own

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

All playing members are expected at all times act in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct listed below and in line with the ECB Code of Conduct and codes laid down by the various Leagues RCC participate in.

Players are responsible for their own discipline but Captains must accept responsibility for managing the tone on the field of play and as stated in the ECB code are ultimately responsible for the teams behaviour as a whole.

At Romiley Cricket Club we will follow the ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket Regulations covering players behaviour both on and off the field. A full copy of the ECB code and the disciplinary procedures for all Leagues are available on request but specifically RCC will expect the following from its players, officials and members;

- Will conduct themselves fairly and properly on and off the field of play
- Will NOT engage in verbal or physical abuse or hostility to other players or members of the public
- Will NOT dispute decisions nor react provocatively towards Umpires at any time
- Will NOT engage in crude, abusive and personal 'sledding' of other players or officials both verbally or using abusive hand signals
- Will NOT engage in excessive and/or intimidatory appealing
- Will respect and welcome all players and guests to RCC

The Committee of the Romiley Cricket Club are determined to make sure that the behaviour outlined above will be conducted by all its playing and social members and will follow the procedures laid down by Leagues to deal with any breaches of discipline that may unfortunately occur in the future.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPIRIT OF CRICKET

1. Romiley Cricket Club is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. The contents of this document are based on the guidelines set down by the ECB in their Code of Conduct which also incorporates the Spirit of Cricket. The code is set out below and applies to all matches played under the auspices of Romiley Cricket Club and may be applied to behaviour in general within the Cricket Club.
2. The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.
3. 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.
4. Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate assault or attempt to intimidate an Umpire, another Player or Spectator.
5. Players and Team Officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (sledging) nor make abusive gestures or and signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.
6. Players and Team Officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.
7. Players and Team Officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs and Romiley Cricket Club have a zero tolerance to the use and distribution of illegal drugs.
8. The Club will make the necessary and adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of all members towards players and officials.
9. Cricket should be played not only within the Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the Captains.

There are two Laws, which place the responsibility of the team's conduct firmly on the Captain.

Responsibility of the Captains – 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.

Players' Conduct – In an event that 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.

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
- Intimidatory bowling
- Ball tampering

- Any other action they may consider to be unfair

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own Captain and Team
- The role of the Umpires
- The game's traditional values

It is against the Spirit of the Game to:

- Dispute an Umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- Direct abusive language towards an opponent or Umpire
- Indulge in any forms of cheating or 'gamesmanship' e.g.
 - appeal, knowing the batsman is not out
 - advance to an Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - seek to distract opponents either verbally or using unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side
- There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

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.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

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

- make sure your child has the right kit for the session or make sure your child wears any protective kit we provide for them
- try to 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
- maintain a good relationship with your child's coach or trainer and catch up with them as much as you can about your child's development
- talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child's involvement - we want to hear from you

Behaviour:

- take the time to talk to your child about what you both want to achieve through sport, 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 wins and losses
- listen when your child says they don't want to do something
- behave positively on the sidelines - shout encouragement, say "Well done" and let your children know you're proud of what they're doing
- 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 difference in the club
- lead by example when it comes to positive behaviour on the sidelines; or let other parents take their cues from you, as well as from us
- accept the official's judgment and do not enter the field of play

- 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
- talk to your child about embracing good etiquette and sportsmanship
- encourage your child to play by the rules
- ensure that your child understands their code of conduct

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 be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club or activity know what training and qualifications our staff have
- be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child know what happens if there's an accident or injury, be informed if your child is injured and see records of any accidents
- have your consent sought for anything outside of our initial consent form
- 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. 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 .

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

As a young person taking part in our club or activity, we'd like you to follow this guidance to make sure you are able to participate in your sport or activity safely.

The Essentials:

- keep yourself safe by listening to your coach or trainer, behaving responsibly and speak out when something isn't right
- when you're with us, stay in the places where you're supposed to, don't wander off or leave without telling a member of staff
- take care of our equipment and premises as if they were your own
- make it to practices or sessions on time and if you're running late, let a member of staff know
- bring the right kit to practice and wear appropriate kit for the weather

Behaviour:

- respect and celebrate difference in our club or activity and not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation or ability
- report any incidents of bullying, to a member of the coaching team, even if you're just a witness

- treat other young people with respect and appreciate that everyone has different levels of skill and talent
- make our club or activity a welcoming and friendly place to be
- support and encourage your team mates. Tell them when they've done well and be there for them when they're struggling
- respect our coaches, and the coaches and young players from other teams
- be a good sport, celebrate when we win and be gracious when we lose
- play by the rules and have fun

As a young person taking part, we understand you have the right to:

- enjoy the time you spend with us and know that you're safe
- be told who you can talk to if something's not right
- be listened to
- be included
- be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club or activity
- be respected by us and other team members and be treated fairly
- feel welcomed, valued and not judged
- be encouraged and develop skills with our help
- be looked after if there's an accident or injury and have your parents informed if needed

We expect all young people to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any young person behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with parent's involvement and aim to resolve the issue.

Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking you to leave the activity, event or club permanently, for the welfare of other young people and our staff. This is something we never want to do.

Social Networking

Romiley Cricket Club encourage interaction and discussion between players, officials, friends, and anyone interested in Romiley Cricket Club.

If you post a question to the club on any social network sites we will respond as promptly as possible. We ask that you're respectful in your comments. We reserve the right to remove anything we deem:

- Abusive or personal attacks
- Material that is unlawful, obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, abusive, slanderous, hateful or embarrassing to any other entity
- Third party advertising

We also reserve the right to terminate involvement by users who post such content. Members please be aware of our code of conduct when using Social networking sites.