

Code of Conduct for Parents, Guardians and Carers

The Oxfordshire Cricket Board is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct with all our stakeholders both on and off the field.

General Code of Conduct

- To ensure all behaviours and interactions strive towards the mission of 'Making Cricket the Sport of Choice in Oxfordshire'.
- Fair and ethical treatment of all involved in Cricket
- Create a safe environment for individuals, which allows Oxfordshire Cricket to meet its objectives.
- Take all adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards everyone involved in the game.
- Directors, Employees, Members, Casual Workers, Managers, Coaches, Players (Youth and Adult), Parents/Guardians, Volunteers and Officials shall be mindful of their use of social media or public comments that may show Oxfordshire Cricket in a negative light and/or may undermine the 'Spirit of Cricket'.

Parents make an important contribution towards the success of any young player and we welcome them to support and spectate at training and matches wherever possible. For the benefit of everyone, we ask parents to be aware of the following principles

- Teams are selected on current form, availability, commitment during the winter training sessions and behaviour within the group. Teams are not selected on previous involvement alone.
- Players are under the care of the squad manager and coach when playing for their chosen team. Please do not attempt to coach your child at a match unless asked to do so by the manager or coach. In particular, parents are not permitted in changing rooms at any time due to Child Protection procedures.
- Always encourage your son or daughter to play the game in the correct spirit, and accept the decisions of the match officials, support the player without pressure, praise good work and

refrain from criticising lapses. The standards of behaviour required from players are also expected from parents.

- Please keep your squad Manager/Coach aware of the availability of your son or daughter, and of any medical or dietary needs, or other issues that may affect their participation in the programme.
- Parents are to assume their son/daughters Manager/Coach as the first point of contact on any issues. Parents must not make representations directly to umpires, grounds person, officials of other Counties or other parents.
- Managers and Coaches are not obliged to enter into discussions with parents on any selection issues, the batting order, bowling order, match tactics and similar matters. The Head of Performance Cricket is the point of escalation if deemed necessary.

Failure to Uphold Code of Conduct

Any failure to comply with this code of conduct will be in the first instance will be initially discussed with the individuals immediate contact, for example

- Employees - line manager
- Player - Manager/Head Coach
- Manager/Coach - Head of Cricket
- Parent, Guardian or Carer - Manager/Coach of Child's Team
- Volunteer - assigned employee or director

Where the matter is unresolved informally or it is of a more serious nature a more formal process will take place. This would involve a disciplinary hearing to further investigate the incident/allegations while potentially under a 'temporary removal from duties'.

This hearing may result in any of the following processes (with the right to appeal).

- Verbal Warning; First Written Warning and Final Written Warning
- Dismissal

The process, including the membership of any disciplinary or appeal panel, will be notified in writing to the person concerned with at least 48 hours' notice. This will apply to all steps within the process.

Oxfordshire Cricket Disciplinary Procedures in Competitions

1. Disciplinary proceedings may be invoked against any affiliated club/team, or individual member for any disciplinary breach of the competition rules or any other matters contrary to the Oxfordshire Cricket Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket.
2. The Disciplinary process may be initiated by one or both of the umpires officiating in the particular match to a member of the club participating in the match or by any individual member of an affiliated club involved in the match.
3. Any report must be made in writing and to the Secretary of the Oxfordshire Cricket Board (or in his/her absence to another Director of the OCB and within 48 hours of the incident occurring) Containing the following information:
 - a. A version of the event in question
 - b. The nature of the offence reported
 - c. Details of other witnesses to include their names and Contact numbers
4. Where the matter is not resolved informally, or it is of a more serious nature a more formal process will take place. This would involve a disciplinary hearing to further investigate the incident/allegations.
5. This hearing may result in any of the following processes (with the right to appeal). Verbal Warning; First Written Warning and Final Written Warning (for Club/Team/Individual); Removal of right to take part in Oxfordshire Cricket Competition.
6. The process, including the membership of any disciplinary or appeal panel, will be notified in writing to the person concerned with at least 48 hours' notice. This will apply to all steps within the process.

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