



Players Code of Conduct

'Making Cricket the Sport of Choice in Oxfordshire'.

At Oxfordshire Cricket Board (OCB), it is our mission to make cricket the sport of choice for all. We endeavour to ensure **all** participation in cricket is safe and welcoming and as part of our collective duty to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk, it is important that we work in **partnership** within the cricket community.

OCB comply fully with the ECB Safe Hands Policy – this is the England and Wales's Cricket Board's policy to safeguarding within cricket. It promotes good practice, helps raise awareness and ensures people know what to do if they have any concerns about the safeguarding of children, young people or vulnerable adults in cricket.

'Cricket is a game which unites communities and improves lives. Across England and Wales, the enjoyment, structure, fitness, and friendship which cricket brings to children is of immense value to them in their formative years. The safety of all those participating in cricket, especially children and young people is our paramount concern.'

*Everyone involved in cricket, as a player, coach, official, administrator, staff member, volunteer, spectator, parent, or carer has a role to play. Individually and collectively, it is our actions, both on and off the field which can help in creating a **safe** and **inclusive** culture'.*

Participation within OCB activity as player, parent, guardian or carer implies acceptance to abide by the policies, rules and regulations of the OCB and any that may be introduced from time to time.

This code applies to all activities run by the OCB .

As a Parent/Guardian/Carer of an Oxfordshire Cricket Player, 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.

Any matters regarding this code should be addressed to Vicki Selby, Safeguarding Manager, safeguarding@oxoncb.com

Player agrees to:

1. Respect, cooperate with and encourage their fellow players at all times, irrespective of their abilities and/or performance.
2. Persecution, humiliation or ridiculing of others will not be tolerated.
3. Players, under no circumstances, must make contact with a coach directly by email, text, call or on any form of social media.
4. Behaviour both on and off the field should be in keeping with the dignity and best traditions of the game of cricket.
5. Foul, abusive and inappropriate language at training sessions and on or off the field of play is unacceptable.
6. Intimidation, aggressive behaviour and deliberate distractions of opponents by words or actions are unacceptable.
7. Dissent at umpiring decisions is unacceptable.
8. The game should be played competitively, but the highest standards of sportsmanship must at all times be maintained.
9. Recognise the achievements of both your team-mates and your opponents. Do not glory in their failures.
10. Remember that your conduct is a reflection not only on yourself, but also on OCB as a whole. Conduct which damages the reputation of the OCB will not be tolerated.
11. Not bring the game and OCB's reputation into disrepute. This includes the use of social media. See separate policy
<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2024/01/11/cf2dcb7b-8346-4cd1-a589-5d3629fb176f/Social-Media-Online-Communication-and-Online-Safety.pdf>
12. Players and their Parents/Guardians/Carers should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach if they are going to be late.
13. 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. Helmets must be worn for all hard ball batting and wicket-keeping in nets.
14. Players Under 18 and Over 18s in the vicinity of Under 18 players, are not allowed to consume or purchase alcohol or drugs of any kind whilst representing the OCB (this includes training sessions and matches).
15. When consuming alcohol, Players Over 18 must be considerate of the OCB reputation as outlined in point 11 above.
16. Players are not allowed to smoke (including e-cigarettes/vapes) whilst representing the OCB.
17. 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/Guardian/Carer that prevents a Player from doing the same is unacceptable.