



## 1. Code of conduct players and parents

Just a reminder that we must adhere to these codes.

One Game - Code of Conduct



- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket

What's this mean? Umpires, other match officials, your opposition are afforded a level of respect that does not offend or cast doubt over your actions.

- 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

What's this mean? Pretty obvious but some sledging gets near to this issue and should be avoided 100% of the time. There is no place for it in cricket.

- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed

What's this mean? Please ensure you keep your teammates in check on and off the pitch, your captain has a very important job in ensuring this situation never arises.

- Display high standards of behaviour

What's this mean? Be ready to play when on the pitch, avoid stupid pranks, and remember cricket is a dangerous game.

- Promote the positive aspects of Cricket e.g. fair play

What's this mean? Don't cheat to win a game of cricket, don't accuse others of cheating; you have officials to administer this.

- Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials

What's this mean? Don't question umpiring decisions, once made they are never changed, don't swear at your umpires, don't disrespect them and avoid any form of conflict. Talk with your umpire not against him. You can make the umpire your friend?

- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials

What's this mean? As above. Make sure you get round quickly at the end of the overs and be ready for a new batsman. Let your captain organise the field. The only other person who can do this is the Bowler.

- Recognise good performance not just match results.

What's this mean? Don't belittle performance. A good catch or a good bit of fielding has as much value as runs scored and wickets taken. Nobody likes to be reminded of a poor performance or mistakes (remember nobody I know deliberately performs badly). Motivate your colleagues please.

- Place the well-being and safety of Young People above the development of performance

What's this mean? There are bowling and batting directives, please make sure we don't wear out or injure colts for the sake of winning a game. A number of colts play far too much cricket and or still bat first or bowl there 4 overs every game even when playing up. Due to the early ages that cricket is now being played; we are likely to lose children at young adult stage with joint and knee and ankle problems.

- Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual

What's this mean? Our coaches have to ensure we don't over tax our colts or offer them advice or coach beyond their ability and anatomy. There's no point in playing above a certain level if the Childs basics are not in place. Please have a look at the ECB's directive and forward plan on their Website entitled the Long Term Athletic Development. It's well worth a look at to see where your child should be in his personal development?  
<http://www.ecb.co.uk/development/ecb-coaches-association/>

- Respect Young People's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket

What's this mean? Don't over criticise your child and try to be positive in your Childs activity and actions. This is a difficult thing to honour as a parent, but should be practiced.