

TOWER HAMLETS YOUTH SPORT FOUNDATION

PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT

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Part 1

Statement of General Policy

The Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all participants of the Platform Cricket Programme. While our coaching and administrative staff abide by the charity's various policies governing safeguarding, equality & diversity, health & safety and conduct, we firmly believe that players and their family members can also make a significant, positive contribution to creating a respectful, welcoming and productive environment that allows anyone to join and feel valued within the programme.

In general, the programme can be supported by observing the following rules:

- Play within the rules and spirit of the programme, respecting coaches and their decisions.
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform coaches of any lateness or absence in good time.
- Wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with coaches.

*For the purpose of clarity, the overwhelming majority of Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation's (THYSF) current work is done under the programme title of **Platform Cricket**. Therefore, this Code of Conduct, though owned by THYSF, is applicable to players/participants and parents/carers of any Platform Cricket activities.*

Part 2

Player/Participant Code of Conduct

By virtue of accepting a child onto the Platform Cricket Programme, we expect them to:

- 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 if witnessed
- Display high standards of behaviour
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket, for example fair play
- Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, always respecting the decisions of match officials
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with coaches/match officials
- Recognise good performance not just match results
- Place the well-being and safety of children above the development of performance
- Ensure activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual
- Respect children's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances while in the proximity of Platform Cricket activity
- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued
- Report any concerns in relation to a child, following reporting procedures laid down in the charity's Safeguarding Policy.

Part 3

Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

By virtue of accepting a child onto the Platform Cricket Programme, we expect their parents/carers and/or any accompanying family members to:

- Encourage children to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help children to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your children to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support a child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.