Isle of Wight Cricket Board

Supporter Code of Conduct

The purpose of this Supporters Code of Conduct is to remind families and supporters of the standards of behaviour expected to support your child on the Isle of Wight County Pathway. The Isle of Wight Cricket Board (IWCB) is committed to creating a safe, respectful, and supportive environment, both on and off the field, for all players to develop their skills, character and love for the game. As a supporter of a player selected to represent the IWCB, you agree to:

1. **Encourage Independence and Resilience**

- ✓ Be prepared and punctual for training and matches - notify coaches of any changes to collection arrangements or if your child is no longer able to attend;
- ✓ Focus on effort and growth, not just results - celebrate hard work and learning moments as much as winning;
- ✓ Support professional coaching decisions - accept the coach's judgement on playing time, positions and tactics; and
- ✓ Encourage your child to set goals and take ownership of their development.

2. **Demonstrate Positive Behaviours and act as a Role Model**

- ✓ Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all others involved in the Pathway;
- ✓ Promote sportsmanship, fairness and the IWCB Player Values:
    - Remind your child to play by the rules, respect teammates, opponents, and umpires' decisions.
- ✓ Stay in the right area
    - Do not enter the changing rooms or designated player spaces.
    - Do not enter the field of play.
    - Encourage your child to remain with the team during matches; and
- ✓ Respect the expertise of IWCB Coaches and Team Managers – trust their decisions and avoid interfering with coaches' duties and responsibilities.

3. **Show Supportive Boundaries**

- ✓ Place children's wellbeing and safety above performance outcomes - notify coaches promptly of any injury, illness, concussion or personal pressures affecting your child and keep all consent and medical records up to date;
- ✓ Support positively from the sidelines:
    - Celebrate effort and good play from both teams, keeping cheering respectful and appropriate, ensuring players feel comfortable; and
- ✓ Respect your child's voice when discussing their participation in cricket.

4. **Uphold Safeguarding and Welfare Standards**

- ✓ Act in line with our Safeguarding Policies and Guidance, which can be found here.
- ✓ Report safeguarding concerns or discrimination to the County Safeguarding Officer or
    - Report safeguarding concerns here
    - Report discrimination here.
- ✓ Never provide alcohol to children under the care of the IWCB.
- ✓ Abide by ECB social media guidelines relating to IWCB cricket - use online platforms respectfully and never share inappropriate content or personal details including photos of other players.

Breaches of this Code of Conduct:

1. The issue will be addressed constructively and promptly;
2. Supporters may be asked to leave a session or match;
3. A report may be made to the Cricket Regulator documenting this behaviour as a Low-Level Concern (LLC);
4. Persistent breaches may result in suspension from attending matches or training;
5. Continued issues may lead to the cricketer being withdrawn from the Pathway and/or
6. The IWCB may contact appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour and/or safeguarding risk).

We hope this is never necessary, and we are committed to working with you to create the best experience for every young person.

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