



## **Player/Parent Code of Conduct**

Managers/assistants and coaches are entrusted by the IWCB to educate players to a consistent cricket standard. Whilst the IWCB fully acknowledges that many parents/guardians have valuable contribution to their children's cricketing endeavours, this is likely to cause confusion for the young player. This code of conduct is intended to guide and help you become part of the team involved in IOW cricket and we will ensure to always be accountable and approach issues with individuals.

All players and parent/guardians must:

- a) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket.
- b) Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, gender reassignment, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity.
- c) Promote the positive aspects of cricket, e.g. Spirit of Cricket & fair play.
- d) Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials.
- e) Not undermine the role of the manager, coach or captain during an event organised for the squad (e.g. matches and practices).
- f) Any areas of concern, cricket or otherwise, should be reported to the Management or trusted individual in private.

- g) Ensure that your child adheres to the dress code, which will be specified by the team manager.
- h) Reinforce general player workload restrictions (e.g. fast bowling 7-4-2 restrictions\*, helmet guidance\*\*) as well as recommendations and guidance from the coach.
- i) Prioritising of commitment should be encouraged in line with the best interest of the individual player. The recommended prioritisation is: country, county, school, and club\*\*\*.
- j) Not hope for or request advantage due personal/work relationships with coaches or managers.

\* 7-4-2 refers to bowling restrictions for fast bowlers. It is recommended that in any 7 day period a fast bowler should not bowl more than 4 days in that period and for a maximum of 2 days in a row.

\*\* Helmets: It is IWCB practice that wicket-keepers, standing up to the wicket, and all batsmen will wear a helmet. A batsman from the Under 18 age group upwards, and a wicket-keeper in any age group, subject to having taken full advice, can apply to their manager for a parental consent form not to wear a helmet.

\*\*\* Prioritisation: In order to optimise the standard, performance and development of cricket and IOW cricketers, and to avoid any ambiguity or undue pressure on players when fixture clashes arise, the Board has agreed priority criteria that are to be applied to all affiliated clubs. The criteria will apply to all matches in competitions under the auspices of the ECB, NCCA, and IOWCB (which includes, by definition, competitions/fixtures organised by the IW county pathway on the Board's behalf), but not to friendly or trial matches.

The criteria are that a player should play for teams for which he or she is selected in the following order: 1. Country; 2. County; 3. School; 4. Club. Thus, for example, if a player is selected to play for IOW, or a county age-group team, and his club on the same day, he should play for the County team, and may not play for his club on that day.

It should be noted that, notwithstanding the above, the Board will continue to act to avoid fixture clashes wherever possible, in coordination with the other agencies involved.