



Panthers Cricket Club Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct applies to all members, supporters, parents, carers, visitors, and volunteers at Panthers Cricket Club. Our aim is to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship, respect, and personal behaviour. By adhering to this code, we create a safe and positive environment that allows everyone to enjoy the game of cricket.

1. General Code of Conduct for All Members, Supporters & Guests

1. Respect for All

- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person within the context of cricket.
- Treat everyone equally, regardless of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference, or political belief.
- Do not condone or allow any form of discrimination to go unchallenged if witnessed.

2. Behaviour & Sportsmanship

- Display high standards of behaviour at all times.
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket (e.g., fair play, team spirit).
- Encourage all participants to learn and adhere to the laws and rules of cricket, respecting the decisions of match officials.
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations or arguing with match officials.

3. Language & Conduct

- Never use foul or abusive language toward any player, official or spectator.
- Do not engage in or promote any actions that could be construed as gamesmanship or aggressive behaviour.
- Refrain from making negative comments towards players, umpires or coaches.
- Fully respect the Club's social media and filming policies.

4. On and Off the Field

- Only enter the field of play when actively playing, officiating, or if someone is injured and you are qualified to administer first aid, or to provide drinks/equipment when requested.
- Recognize good performance from individuals and teams, regardless of match result.
- Place the well-being and safety of young people above the development of performance.

5. ECB Guidelines & Reporting Concerns

- Follow ECB guidelines as set out in "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children," as well as any other relevant guidelines.
 - Report any concerns regarding the welfare of young players to the Club Safeguarding Officer in line with ECB reporting procedures.
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2. Code of Conduct for Parents, Supporters and Visitors (Regarding Young Players)

Panthers Cricket Club coaches, managers, and volunteers adhere to the above codes. In return, we ask parents, supporters, and visitors to:

1. **Encouragement & Support**
 - Encourage young players to meet their own goals and celebrate their achievements.
 - Offer support without undue pressure, refrain from criticizing mistakes or lapses.
 2. **Focus on Enjoyment & Development**
 - Understand that the Club's primary objectives are skill development, enjoyment, and nurturing a positive cricketing experience.
 - Set a good example for young players by respecting the opportunities provided and the volunteers' time.
 3. **Coaching Sessions & Matches**
 - Communicate relevant information about the player (e.g., injuries, absences) to the coaches.
 - Refrain from sideline coaching or interfering with coaching sessions or matches.
 4. **Conduct & Resolving Issues**
 - Encourage and support players and the team calmly and positively.
 - If you have concerns, speak to the Coach or Team Manager face to face and separately to a session or match. If unresolved, refer the matter to the Club Management Committee.
 5. **Punctuality**
 - Be punctual when dropping off and picking up young players for training and matches. Remember, coaches, assistants and team managers are volunteers.
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3. Code of Conduct for Young Players

We ask our young players to:

1. **Commitment & Respect**
 - Arrive promptly for matches and practices or inform the coach/team manager if running late.
 - Listen to and respect coaches, the captains, managers and Club Officers.
2. **Learning & Application**
 - Practice skills and techniques taught by the coaches and strive to apply them in matches.
 - Play within the laws and spirit of cricket; accept the umpire's decision without dissent.



3. Team Spirit & Behaviour

- Behave appropriately on and off the field, maintaining high standards of sportsmanship and respect toward teammates and opponents.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated; cooperate with coaches, teammates, and opponents.
- Fully respect the Club's social media and filming policies.

4. Equipment & Fees

- Wear suitable cricket kit for training and matches.
- Pay any match or membership fees promptly.

5. Prohibited Conduct

- Do not use foul or abusive language, bully or intimidate others.
- Do not smoke, consume alcohol or use drugs while representing the club.

By following this Code of Conduct, all members, supporters, parents, visitors, and volunteers of Panthers Cricket Club help to create a positive, respectful, and enjoyable cricket environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to upholding these standards.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Club Safeguarding Officer or a member of the Club Management Committee.