



The Unsworth Cricket and Tennis Club Limited
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Founder Members of the Greater Manchester Cricket League

Code of Conduct for Senior Players

Unsworth Cricket Club is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. Players are expected to abide by the following guidelines as a condition of their membership along with the ECB's Code of Conduct & Spirit of Cricket.

This Code of Conduct applies to a player's behaviour while representing the Club, whether on or off the pitch, at matches, training sessions, events, and in any form of electronic communication, including social media.

General Conduct & Spirit of the Game

- Players must always uphold the Spirit of Cricket, the Laws of Cricket, and the rules of any competition they participate in.
- Players should maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times, as they represent the Club both on and off the field.
- Conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and not bring themselves or the Club into disrepute.
- Refrain from overly drunk and unruly behaviour.
- Not use or condone the use of foul and abusive language.
- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person, member, guest, and opposition.
- Refrain from entering any area that is considered out of bounds, including but not limited to areas behind the bar and the drinks store.
- Any action that undermines the integrity of the game or damages the Club's reputation will not be tolerated.

Respect for Officials, Opponents & Spectators

- Players must always accept the umpire's decision and must not show dissent or react in a provocative or disapproving manner.
- Intimidation, verbal abuse, or physical aggression towards umpires, fellow players, officials, or spectators is strictly prohibited.
- Players shall not use crude, abusive, or discriminatory language, nor engage in offensive gestures or hand signals.

Equality & Inclusion

- Players must respect and cooperate with teammates, regardless of ability, background, or status.
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate based on 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.
- Any form of abuse, bullying, or ridiculing of others will lead to disciplinary action.
- Players should encourage the development and inclusion of young players within the team.

On-Field & Off-Field Behaviour

- Players must uphold the dignity and traditions of cricket, maintaining appropriate dress and conduct at all times.
- Players should refrain from conduct that could be regarded as sexual or other forms of harassment.

- The use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. A lifetime ban will be recommended to the committee for any individual found in possession of, using, or knowingly selling drugs or illicit substances on Club premises.
- Players must not exert undue influence over others for personal gain or benefit.

Social Media & Electronic Communication

- Players should ensure that their use of social media reflects positively on themselves and the Club.
- Posting offensive, defamatory, or discriminatory comments that could bring the Club into disrepute is strictly prohibited.
- Private communications within Club-related forums should remain respectful and constructive.

Safeguarding & Responsibility Towards Young Players

- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and any other relevant guidelines issued.
- Players should avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with individuals under 18 whenever possible.
- Players should not exert undue influence over younger players.
- Not provide alcohol to young people under the care of the Club.
- Any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of young players should be reported immediately to the Club's Safeguarding Officer.

Remember: Your conduct reflects not only on yourself but also on Unsworth Cricket Club. Let's uphold the values of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect for all.

ECB'S CODE OF CONDUCT & SPIRIT OF CRICKET

The ECB is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. This Code of Conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket as set out below. It applies to all matches played under the auspices of the ECB and may be applied to cricket in general.

Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.

Players and Team Officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the Umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards an Umpire at any time.

Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another player or a Spectator.

Players and Team Officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as "sledging") nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.

Players and Team Officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.

Players and Team Officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.

Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and Umpires.

Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action, which is seen to abuse this spirit, causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the Captains.

Responsibility of Captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Players' Conduct

In the event that any player failing to comply with the instructions of the Umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the Umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other Umpire and to the player's Captain requesting the latter to take action.

Fair and Unfair Play

According to the Laws, the Umpires are the sole judges of Fair and Unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the Captain to take action when required. The umpires are authorised to intervene in the cases of: time wasting, damaging the pitch, tampering with the ball, or any action that they consider to be unfair.

Spirit of the Game

The Spirit of the Game involves respect for your opponents, your own captain and team, the role of the umpires and the game's traditional values. It is against the Spirit of the Game to – (a) dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture; (b) direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire; (c) seek to distract an opponent either verbally or with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.

Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

Players

Captains and Umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match and every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

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