**THEYDON BOIS CRICKET CLUB**

**Loughton Lane, Essex, CM16 7JY**

**Code of Conduct / Set Of Rules for Young People**

Theydon Bois Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. We believe it is essential for players, coaches, administrators, and parents/guardians to show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others at all times.

Members are encouraged to be open and to share any concerns or complaints with the **Club Safeguarding Officer** or the **Junior Secretary**.

**Junior Member Expectations**

As a junior member of Theydon Bois Cricket Club, you are expected to:

* **Respect the rules** – Play within the laws of cricket and respect officials and their decisions.
* **Demonstrate good sportsmanship** – Show high levels of discipline and fairness on and off the field.
* **Respect others** – Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials with dignity, regardless of gender, ability, background, or religion.
* **Be punctual** – Arrive on time for training and matches or inform your coach or team manager if you’ll be late.
* **Wear appropriate kit** –
	+ For training: Full white kit is preferred; at minimum, a white top or cricket shirt (T-shirts are acceptable).
	+ For match days: Full whites must be worn.
	+ **Football shirts or boots are not allowed** at any time.
* **Pay fees promptly**.
* **Abstain from smoking, alcohol, and drugs** – These are strictly prohibited on club premises and while representing the club.

**Code of Conduct – Discipline Policy**

To maintain discipline and uphold our values, the following system applies:

* If a child’s behaviour is unacceptable, the **Junior Secretary** may issue a **yellow card**:
	+ **First yellow card** – Formal verbal warning to the child and parent/guardian.
	+ **Second yellow card** – One-week suspension from matches and training, along with a written warning.
	+ **Third yellow card** – Permanent ban from the club (annual subs will not be refunded).
* Written warnings will be issued within **10 days** of an incident.
* Depending on the severity of the incident, disciplinary actions may be escalated at the **Junior Secretary’s discretion**.

**Appeals Process**

* Parents/guardians can appeal a written warning by submitting a written appeal **within 7 days** of receiving it.
* A **disciplinary hearing** will be held with **two Junior Committee members** and **one member of the TBCC General Committee**.

**Parental Conduct**

* Parents must set a positive example by treating coaches, match officials, and opposition teams with **respect**.
* Poor parental conduct will trigger disciplinary action under the club’s procedures.

**Match Day Conduct**

* **Throwing equipment (e.g., bats) after dismissal** – Automatic yellow card (or higher if previously disciplined).
* **Verbal abuse toward umpires, opponents, or officials** – Automatic yellow card.
* **Swearing, racist/discriminatory remarks, bullying, or threatening behaviour** – Automatic **two yellow cards** (or higher if previously disciplined).

We thank all players, parents, and guardians for ensuring Theydon Bois Cricket Club remains a respectful and enjoyable environment for all.