Padiham Cricket Club

Code of Conduct for Cricket Club Members & Guests

All members and guests of Padiham Cricket Club will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket.
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of 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 if any form of discrimination is witnessed.
- Display high standards of behaviour.
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket, e.g. fair play
- Encourage all participants to learn the laws and rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials.
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials.
- Recognise good performance not just match results.
- Place the wellbeing and safety of young people above the development of performance.
- Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
- Respect young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket.
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with young people in the club.
- Not provide young people with alcohol when they are under the care of the club.
- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued.
- Comply with the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code 2022.
- Report any concerns in relation to a young person following the reporting procedures.

Code of Conduct for Spectators

- Remember that young people play organised sport for their own enjoyment. They are not there to entertain you.
- Display high standards of behaviour. Do not use profane language or harass, physically or verbally, player's Managers, Coaches or Umpires.
- Applaud all good play by your team and the other team.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a game.
- Respect the Umpires' decisions. Remember they are only human with the same feelings as you and like you, sometimes make an honest error.
- Encourage players always to play according to the Laws of Cricket.
- Read the Laws of Cricket to better understand what you are looking at and commenting on.

If a breach of the provisions or principles of this Code occurs or is reasonably suspected to have occurred the Club reserves the right to take such action as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to asking the person responsible for the breach to leave the Club premises, revoke membership and a ban from entering the ground/premises and attending future games.

* Members and Guests include all members, officers and volunteers of the Cricket Club and all guests of those members, officers and volunteers, as well as all individuals who watch / attend / participate / officiate in matches hosted by the club in whatever capacity.

