

## Parent and Carers Code of Conduct

Where we refer parents, we mean parents and carers inclusively.

We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and requests set out in the following code. If any parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out below, we'll address the problem straight away with the parent and aim to resolve the issue.

- Encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- Support my child's efforts and performance, give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort and learning
- Understand that Competition is about winning and losing, so results are always accepted without undue disappointment
- Be a positive role model to my child by helping them work towards skill improvement and high standards of sporting behaviour
- Remember that children learn best by example; I will applaud good play by both my child's team and their opponents
- Not interfere with the decisions of the coaches, officials and other volunteers
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- Never engage in discriminatory abuse or anti-social behaviour which could include but is not limited to racism, sexism, antisemitic, Islamophobic homophobic or transphobic behaviour.
- Promote this code of conduct to other parents, carers and supporters
- Be aware of my child's club safeguarding policy and ensure that any concerns are reported to the club's safeguarding officer or County Safeguarding Officer.

As a parent/carers, I will not:

- Pressure my child in any way; I know that this is their Sport not mine
- Use inappropriate language, harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
- Criticise or ridicule my child for making a mistake or losing after the game
- Force my child if they are unwilling to participate in the Sport
- Use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, coach, official, volunteer or member of Durham Cricket staff
- Arrive at a cricket activity under the influence of or consume illegal substances and alcoholic drinks either immediately prior to or while being at a cricket activity where my child is participating in the Sport.

I will endeavour to abide by this code of conduct and promote it to others.

I understand that if I fail to follow the code Durham Cricket may take action against me under the Disciplinary Regulations which may result in Sanctions including suspension.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_