

# SHEPLEY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



## CODE OF CONDUCT

### Coaches and Managers

Club coaches and team managers (qualified or unqualified) have completed a Criminal Record Bureau check.

All other members of the club will be asked to complete a Self Declaration form.

### Team Expectations

1. The cricket club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect, be encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the organiser.
2. You are expected to abide by the general rules of the club, our Code of Conduct for Cricketers and by the following rules.
3. All members must play cricket within the laws and spirit of the game.
4. All members must respect colleagues, opponents and officials. Do not make derogatory comments or gestures about your colleagues or opponents. Never try to intimidate the opposition by threats or excessive triumphalism.
5. Be polite to umpires and respect their decisions. Do not show dissent. Do not throw tantrums or cricket balls. Such behaviour invites sanctions from club officials.
6. Members should keep to agreed timings for practice and matches or inform their coach or team manager at the earliest opportunity if they cannot play or are going to be late.
7. All members must wear the appropriate kit – properly! Cricket whites and cricket shoes must be worn for matches but tracksuits and suitable trainers are permitted for practice.
8. All players must wear helmets when batting and when standing up to the stumps when wicket keeping.

### Code of Conduct for Parents / Legal Guardians

1. Encourage your child to learn the laws of the game and to play within the spirit of those laws.
2. Discourage unfair play and disputes with officials / coaches.
3. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
4. Never force you child to take part in sport
5. Set a good example by recognising fair play and by applauding the good performances of all.
6. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
7. Publicly accept the judgement of officials without argument or comment.
8. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy cricket and to develop within it.
9. Use correct and proper language at all times.
10. Do not forget, children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment and not yours.

### Huddersfield Junior Cricket League Code of Conduct

1. The Huddersfield Junior Cricket League 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.
2. The Captains, or in the case of most junior teams, the team managers, are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.
3. 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.
4. Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another Player or a Spectator.
5. 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.

6. Players and Team Officials shall neither make racially abusive comments nor Indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters.
7. 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 that 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.

1. There are two Laws that place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the Captain.

### **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.

### **Player's Conduct**

In the event of any Player failing to comply with the instructions of an Umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, 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.

#### **2. 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 where required.

#### **3. The Umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:**

- a) Time wasting;
- b) Damaging the pitch;
- c) Dangerous or unfair bowling;
- d) Tampering with the ball; or
- e) Any other action that they consider to be unfair.

#### **4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:**

- a) Your opponents;
- b) Your own Captain and team;
- c) The role of the Umpires; and
- d) The game's traditional values.

#### **5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:**

- a) To dispute an Umpire's decision by word, action or gesture;
- b) To direct abusive language towards an opponent or Umpire; or
- c) To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
  - i. appeal knowing the batsman is not out;
  - ii. advance towards an Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing; or
  - iii. seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.

#### **6. Violence**

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

#### **7. Players**

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