

Parents & Families Code of Conduct

Suffolk Young Cricketers has also produced a Code of Conduct for parents and families of young players representing Suffolk in County Age Group cricket.

Whilst we in Suffolk have always had an extremely supportive and dedicated group of parents, we also realise that the role they play in the cricketing development of their children is pivotal to the success of our Elite player development programmes.

Each official, as well as each child, are subject to strict Codes of Conduct. The parental code exists merely to guide and help parents to give all the young cricketers the best opportunity of succeeding.

Parents, guardians and families agree to:

- Attend matches as often as possible to support their child and the team they are representing – without your support Suffolk Young Cricketers youth programme would not be able to function
- Encourage and help the players to meet targets, including abiding by the players Code of Conduct
- Support the players without pressure, praise good work and refrain from criticizing lapses
- Set a good example to the players
- Encourage their child to participate in cricket activities
- Demand that their child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability
- Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures
- Communicate with the County Age Group Coach and Manager, keeping them informed about matters affecting the player
- Avoid going onto the field of play or to give advice about the game to their child at any stage of the game
- Not enter the dressing room at any stage of the match except in exceptional circumstances, such as injury, when this may be waived at the discretion and invitation of the Coach or Manager
- Not interfere, unless specifically requested, with the warm up, or comment on involvement of their child in the match
- Respect the privacy of scorer and the score box, only entering when requested to do so
- Respect the role of the Coach and/or Manager during or after matches by not giving different advice to that which has been given
- Emphasise skill development and practices and how they benefit their child over winning

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Communication:

If parents have any issues concerning their child's cricket development within the Suffolk Young Cricketers system please take this up initially with the relevant County Age Group Coach.

All parents and families of players selected to play County Age Group Cricket agree to abide by the Parents and Families Code of Conduct, a copy of which can be found on www.suffolkricket.org.

Selection Policy:

All parents and players should be aware that the selection of any Suffolk Young Cricketers representative teams is at the sole discretion of the respective County Age Group Coach.

It should be noted that the individual views, or opinions, of any person or party not involved with a particular team's management will not be considered in any way when selecting teams to represent Suffolk.

Selection of winter training squads and selection of teams for fixtures during the summer will take into account the following criteria:

- Performance/improvement during winter training programme and/or summer fixtures
- Current ability as a cricketer
- Current attitude as a cricketer to both training and match-play
- Personal characteristics, e.g. team-player, mental strength, communicative etc
- Performance/improvement during County Age Group fixtures
- Potential to play higher levels of cricket in future
- Role that the player will fulfil



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