

Player's Code of Conduct

We are committed to the development of our elite young cricketers and the realisation of their aspirations.

All young cricketers selected to represent Suffolk Young Cricketers at all levels will be issued with this Code of Conduct and thereby agree to fully abide by its contents.

Players are the most important people in cricket. Playing for a team, to win is the fundamental aim of the game. But not to win at all cost. Fair play and respect for others in the game is fundamentally important.

The principles that underpin this Code of Conduct are:

- The player's welfare is paramount
- All players, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse
- All players have the right to be safe and treated with dignity and respect

Any breach of this Code may lead to the player being warned as to their future conduct or in more serious cases being suspended or barred from participation in Suffolk Young Cricketers activities. During festivals or tours players may be sent home for serious breaches of discipline.

Player availability:

Suffolk Young Cricketers appreciate that there can be pressure on our County Age Group players with regards to their availability – with commitments elsewhere (school cricket, club cricket, other sporting sides).

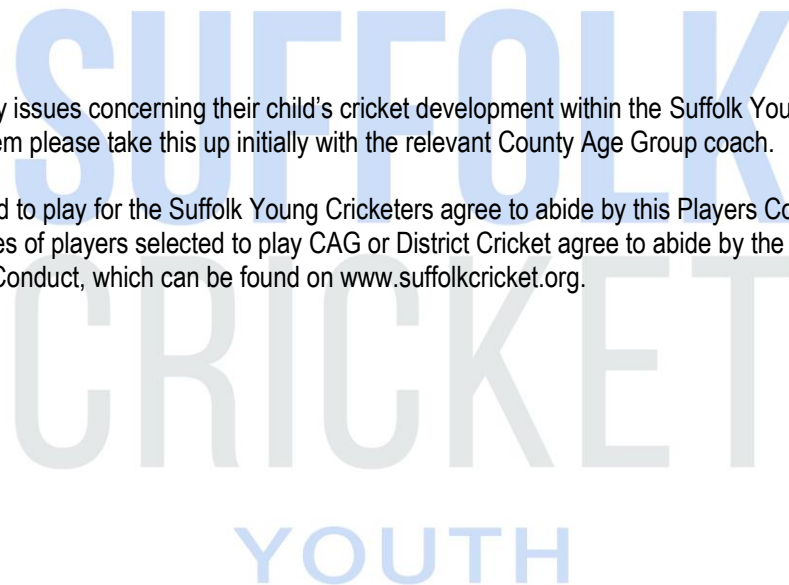
The criteria is that a player should play for teams for which he or she is selected in the following order:

Country / Region / County / Club / School

Communication:

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

All players selected to play for the Suffolk Young Cricketers agree to abide by this Players Code of Conduct. All parents and families of players selected to play CAG or District Cricket agree to abide by the Parents and Families Code of Conduct, which can be found on www.suffolkricket.org.



County Age Group cricketers agree to:

- Make every effort to develop their own skills, technique, tactics and stamina with the aim of reaching their full potential
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during games and practice
- Set a positive example for others, particularly other players
- Play cricket in a competitive manner whilst maintaining the highest standards of sportsmanship
- When invited / selected to attend Suffolk Young Cricketers events regularly and punctually, behave with self-discipline and give notice and reasons for any absence
- Listen to and take on board guidance given by the Suffolk Young Cricketers coaching team and other Suffolk Young Cricketers officials
- Practice the techniques and skills taught by the Suffolk Young Cricketers coaching team and attempt to apply them within matches
- Abide by the spirit, as well as the letter, of the laws of cricket
- Accept the umpire's decision at all times and do not show any dissent - umpires will be advised prior to matches of the high standard expected from a Suffolk Young Cricketers County Age Group side
- Behave and dress in an appropriate manner (both on and off the field) when participating in Suffolk Young Cricketers activities
- Not to take alcohol or tobacco, or any other stimulant or harmful substance, whilst participating in Suffolk Young Cricketers fixtures or on tour
- Accept victory and defeat with dignity and grace
- Not use foul and abusive language on or off the field
- Treat all players, both team mates and opposition, as you would like to be treated, and with respect
- Keep to agreed timings for matches and practice sessions
- Respect grounds and pavilions and outdoor net facilities. Leave changing rooms neat and tidy.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship including sledging
- Not make negative reference to any Suffolk Young Cricketers activity, official, player or parent on the World Wide Web and ensure strict confidentiality is adhered to
- Thank umpires, tea providers and opponents at the end of matches

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Disciplinary procedure:

Any breach of this Code may lead to the player being warned as to their future conduct or in more serious cases being suspended or barred from participation in Suffolk Young Cricketers activities. In the first instance, a verbal warning as to future conduct will be issued by the relevant County Age Group Coach. Further breaches may result in a written and final warning being issued by the Head of the Suffolk Young Cricketers.

Should a parent wish to appeal against any disciplinary measures issued to a player (as detailed above) they should, in the first instance, formally contact, in writing, Tom Huggins (Head of Suffolk Young Cricketers - tomhuggins@suffolkricket.org; 07738 199153) who will investigate and reply in writing with a full response.

Should the matter remain unresolved to the satisfaction of the parent it will be referred to The Chairman of the Suffolk Young Cricketers. After further investigation, the decision of the Chairman of the Suffolk Young Cricketers will be sent to the parent, in writing, and will be full and final.

All written correspondence to the above should be sent to: Suffolk Cricket Board, c/o 86 Dovehouse Meadow, Great Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0GF.

Grievance procedure:

If a parent or child has any issues or concerns about their child's involvement within Suffolk Cricket a grievance procedure exists:

In the first instance parents should raise the issues or concerns informally with the respective County Age Group Coach or Manager. Should this not resolve the matter they should, in the first instance, formally contact, in writing, Andrew Blanchard (Suffolk Cricket Board - ablanchard@suffolkricket.org; 07738 199150) who will investigate and reply in writing with a full response.

Should the matter remain unresolved to the satisfaction of the parent it will be referred to the Chairman of Suffolk Young Cricketers Committee. After further investigation, the decision of the Chairman of Suffolk Young Cricketers will be sent to the parent, in writing, and will be full and final.

The address for all written correspondence is: Suffolk Cricket Board, c/o 1 Lime Tree Place, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1BU.

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