



Suffolk Young Cricketers - Player Code of Conduct

Suffolk Cricket are committed to the development of our pathway cricketers and the realisation of their aspirations.

Suffolk Cricket has taken the decision to issue a Code of Conduct to its young County Age Group cricketers.

All young cricketers selected to represent Suffolk at County Age Group (CAG) 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 Cricket activities. During festivals or tours players may be sent home for serious breaches of discipline.

A disciplinary procedure is available upon request.

Any matters regarding to this code should be addressed to Andrew Northcote, anorthcote@suffolkricket.org

Communication:

If parents have any issues concerning their child's cricket development within the Suffolk pathway system please take this up initially with the relevant CAG Coach.

All players selected to play CAG or Performance Cricket agrees to abide by this Player's Code of Conduct.

CAG cricketers agree to:

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- 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 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 coaching team and other Suffolk officials
- Practice the techniques and skills taught by the Suffolk 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 side
- Behave and dress in an appropriate manner (both on and off the field) when participating in Suffolk activities
- Not to take alcohol or tobacco, or any other stimulant or harmful substance, whilst participating in Suffolk 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 activity, official, player or parent on the World Wide Web / Social Media and ensure strict confidentiality is adhered to
- Thank umpires, tea providers and opponents at the end of matches