



HAMPTON WICK ROYAL CRICKET CLUB
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Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members, ensuring a positive and enjoyable experience for all. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, parents and carers are 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 Club Welfare Officers Dean Hewitt and Zubair Ahmed.

As a parent or carer you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed
- Display high standards of behaviour
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket, for example Spirit of Cricket and fair play
- Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, always respecting the decisions of match officials
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials
- Recognise good performance not just match results
- Place the well-being and safety of children and young people above the development of performance
- Ensure activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual

- Respect children and young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances while working with children and young people in the club. Usage of banned substances is not permitted within the club premises at all times
- Not provide children and young people with alcohol when they are under the care of the club
- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued
- Report any concerns in relation to a child, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB

In addition to the above, all parents and carers will:

- Be their children's best fan and support them unconditionally.
- Be supportive and focus on the positive aspects of their children's game and that of their squad during matches, training sessions and at home after a match or training session.
- Remember that all club coaches are volunteers and will not criticise their children's coaches to their children or other parents or volunteers.
- Raise any issue with the coach by approaching them calmly at a time which is convenient to both.
- Help my child to focus on the performance and not the result. I will remember that winning is not as important as the performance.
- Support all the players in my child's squad. I will not criticise anyone and remember that children don't mean to make mistakes.
- Not coach from the boundary during matches or training (leave this to the manager / coach or it might cause confusion and erode players' confidence).

