



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS

Middlesex Schools Cricket/Elite Cricket Performance Academy is committed to the development of our elite young cricketers and helping them achieve their personal potential.

As society, attitudes and patterns of behaviour are changing, Middlesex Schools Cricket/ECPA has made the decision to issue a Code of Conduct to all Middlesex Schools Cricket/ECPA activity participants and they thereby agree to fully abide by its contents.

Participants are the most important people in cricket and during Middlesex Schools Cricket/ECPA activities. When playing for a team to win is the main aim of the game; it is not to win at all cost! Fair play and respect for opponents and teammates in the game is fundamentally important.

When in training and developmental activities; players are expected to respect: the coach(es), their peers, the facilities and learning environment which is vital to maximise their own learning as well as supporting and accelerating their peers development also.

Key Principles of the Code of Conduct are:

1. The players' welfare is paramount.
2. All players, have the right to participate in our programmes without any discrimination from the 9 Protected Characteristics: Age; Disability; Gender reassignment; Marriage & Civil partnership; Pregnancy & Maternity; Race & Ethnicity; Religion, Faith & Belief; Sex; Sexual Orientation.
3. 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. In more serious cases, being suspended, or barred from participation in Middlesex Schools Cricket/ECPA activities. During camps, programmes or tours players may be sent home for serious breaches of discipline and parents/carers shall be notified.

Our expectations of the participants is that they:

1. Make every effort to develop their own technical, tactical, physical and mental abilities with the aim of reaching their full potential.
2. Give their best effort and strive for the best possible performance during games and practice.
3. Set a positive example for other participants.
4. Play cricket in a competitive manner whilst maintaining the highest standards of sportsmanship.
5. When invited or selected to attend Middlesex Schools Cricket/ECPA events, arrive punctually, behave with self-discipline and give notice and reasons for any absence.
6. Listen and take on board guidance given by the Middlesex Schools Cricket coaching team and other Middlesex Schools Cricket/ECPA or external officials.
7. Practice the techniques and skills taught by the Middlesex Schools Cricket coaching team and attempt to apply them within matches or competitive situations.

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8. Abide by the spirit, as well as the letter, of the laws of cricket (copies of the “*Spirit of Cricket*” are available from your Middlesex Schools Cricket Head Coach alternatively via <https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws/spiritof-cricket>).
9. Accept the umpire’s or officiating personnel’s decision at all times and do not show any dissent – officials will be advised prior to matches of the high standard expected from a Middlesex Schools Cricket/ECPA representatives.
10. Behave and dress in an appropriate manner (both on and off the field) when participating in Middlesex Schools Cricket activities. Participants are requested to wear their Middlesex Schools Cricket clothing during all Middlesex Schools Cricket activities.
11. Only use mobile phones when agreed by the Age Group Lead Coach, or session lead coach, unless it is an emergency.
12. Not use/take alcohol or tobacco, or any other stimulant or harmful substance whilst participating in Middlesex Schools Cricket sessions, fixtures, or on tour.
13. Accept victory and defeat with dignity and grace.
14. Not use foul or abusive language on, or off the field.
15. Treat all players, both team-mates and opposition, in a respectful manner.
16. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship including sledging.
17. Not make negative references to any Middlesex Schools Cricket/ECPA activity or official on the World Wide Web or social medial platforms (Including Whatsapp) and ensure strict confidentiality is adhered to.
18. Not make any references to any Middlesex Schools Cricket Participant or parent on the World Wide Web or social medial platforms and ensure strict confidentiality is adhered to.
19. Thank umpires, venue officials and opponents at the end of matches.
20. All participants **can not** directly message coaches, managers, ambassadors & volunteers via email, text or social media platforms. Communication should only be made through Middlesex Schools Cricket staff should only occur through Middlesex Schools Cricket/ECPA officials and event organisers via the parents/guardians.

If players are found to have breached the Code of Conduct, then appropriate action will be taken including: re-education of the individual(s), suspensions, and in extreme examples permanent exclusion from the programmes.



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