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Woodhall Spa Cricket Club - Youth Code of Conduct

This code of conduct applies to all Woodhall Spa Cricket Club youth activities under the jurisdiction of Woodhall Spa Cricket Club.

1. Umpires, officials and spectators are entitled to the respect of players at all times.
2. The umpire's decision must be accepted at all times and any show of physical or verbal dissent will not be tolerated. Umpires will be asked to report any disturbing incidents, comments or actions that occur to the team manager at the earliest opportunity.
3. Players must arrive at and depart from all matches dressed in appropriate clothing, as specified by the Team Manager / Coach. Players are expected to carry their own bags. Clean cricket trousers and shirts (tucked-in) should be worn for the duration of the match. Changing rooms should only be used to insert a box and/or accessing the toilet during the COVID period of restrictions.
4. The use of inappropriate, crude or abusive language, as well as offensive gestures used to deliberately distract an opponent will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
5. The use of stimulants, alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances is not permitted while participating in youth activities. An exception to this would be medication prescribed by a medical practitioner to be used for illness or injury. It is not the responsibility of the manager or coach to store or administer medication to any player.
6. The use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited during matches, training sessions and in the changing rooms, except in cases of emergency.
7. Players are always expected to show the highest standard of sportsmanship. They should show support for their team mates by not engaging in ball games during the hours of play, unless directed by the manager / coach.
8. Players must accept the decisions made by the captain without question.
9. Social networking - You must conduct yourself in a respectful and courteous manner and not send inappropriate text messages or post messages on social media that are offensive, nasty or derogatory in any way.
10. Breaches of this Code of Conduct will be deemed a disciplinary offence and will be dealt with initially by the team manager / coach, and as necessary by a higher authority within Woodhall Spa Cricket Club.

**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 Woodhall Spa Cricket Club activities.

In the first instance, a verbal warning as to future conduct will be issued by the relevant Coach / Manager. Further breaches may result in a written and final warning being issued by Woodhall Spa Cricket Club Safeguarding Officer.

Should a parent wish to appeal against any disciplinary measures issued to a player they should, in the first instance, formally contact, in writing, Adam Barker ( Head of Junior Cricket) c/o 9, Oak Close, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, LN10 6YE [john.luffman@sky.com](mailto:john.luffman@sky.com) who will investigate and reply in writing with a full response. The decision of Woodhall Spa Cricket Club will be sent in writing and will be full and final.

**Grievance Procedure**

If a parent or child has any issues or concerns about their child’s involvement within Woodhall Spa Cricket Club a grievance procedure exists:

In the first instance parents should raise the issues or concerns informally with the respective Coach or Club Safeguarding Officer.

Should this not resolve the matter they should, in the first instance, formally contact, in writing, Simon Caswell (Chairman) c/o9, Oak Close, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, LN10 6YE [johnluffman@sky.com](mailto:johnluffman@sky.com) who will investigate and reply in writing with a full response. The decision of Woodhall Spa Cricket Club will be full and final.