



Maldon Cricket Club

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers

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1. Purpose

Maldon Cricket Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and young people involved in cricket. This Code of Conduct sets out the standards expected of parents and carers to ensure a positive, safe, and supportive environment for all players. It aligns with safeguarding principles of the England and Wales Cricket Board.

2. Positive Support & Role Modelling

Parents and carers should:

- Encourage children to enjoy cricket and develop confidence and self-esteem
- Be positive and supportive towards all players, not just their own child
- Applaud good play from both teams
- Promote respect for teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents
- Recognise that their behaviour strongly influences children's attitudes and enjoyment

3. Matchday Behaviour

Parents and carers must:

- Respect the decisions of umpires, coaches, and match officials
- Not engage in abusive, aggressive, or intimidating behaviour

- Avoid coaching or instructing players during matches or training sessions
- Allow coaches to manage team decisions and player development

4. Safeguarding & Welfare

- Parents and carers share responsibility for supporting a safe and positive environment for all children
- Any concerns about a child's welfare should be raised with the Club Welfare Officer
- Concerns will always be taken seriously and handled appropriately

5. Respect & Inclusion

Parents and carers must:

- Treat all children, officials, coaches, and other parents with respect
- Not discriminate or behave in a way that excludes or undermines others
- Support an inclusive environment regardless of ability, background, or identity

6. Online Behaviour

Parents and carers should:

- Use social media responsibly when discussing club activities
- Not post or share negative, abusive, or harmful content about players, coaches, or officials
- Follow the club's Social Media & Online Communication Policy

7. Communication & Concerns

- Parents/carers are encouraged to communicate openly with coaches and club officials
- Any concerns or complaints should be directed to:
 - Club Welfare Officer (Joe Figg)
 - Club Chairman (Ben Gibbons) where appropriate

The club will aim to resolve concerns fairly, promptly, and transparently

8. Supporting All Children

Parents and carers should:

- Support all players equally, not just their own child
- Recognise effort and improvement as well as performance
- Encourage fair play and teamwork at all times

9. Breaches of the Code

If this Code is breached, the club may take action including:

- Informal discussion or warning
- Removal from viewing areas or matches
- Suspension of club privileges
- Formal disciplinary action where necessary

10. Final Statement

Parents and carers play a vital role in creating a positive cricket environment. Your support helps ensure that every child has a safe, enjoyable, and rewarding experience at Maldon Cricket Club.

