

Milnrow Cricket Club - Junior Section 'Codes of Conduct'

We are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all our members. It is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should show respect and understanding for the health, safety and welfare of others at all times. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the team managers or child welfare officer.

Junior members of Milnrow Cricket Club are expected to abide by the constitution of the club found on the notice board in the clubhouse foyer and the following junior section rules:

1. All members must play within the spirit of the game, the rules of the competition and respect all officials and their decisions. Arguing with an umpire will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
2. All members must respect their opponents.
3. Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
4. Members must wear suitable kit - Helmets with a face guard (when batting or standing up to the wicket when wicket keeping), an abdominal guard (box), leg guards (pads), thigh pads, arm guard and batting gloves for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach / team manager. No player will be allowed to take part without the relevant protective equipment in place.
5. Members must pay any annual subscriptions or fees for training or events promptly.
6. Junior members under 16 years of age are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
7. Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
8. "Sledging" in any form will NOT be tolerated.
9. Junior members must note that temper tantrums, abuse of equipment - whether own or club property, damage to club property and breaches of the Code of Behaviour will be viewed in a serious light and will be the subject of disciplinary action which could result in the cancellation of membership.
10. Chewing gum and body jewellery must be removed before matches and training sessions. The Club, its coaches and officials will not be responsible for the safe-keeping of articles of value.

Parents and guardians of junior members are also asked to act within the code of conduct as set out below:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within the rules.
- Encourage punctuality. Lateness costs the team, not just the individual.
- Discourage cheating, unfair play, arguing with officials and 'sledging'.
- Discourage the abuse of playing equipment - whether own or club owned - and the act of tantrum at any point during a training session or match.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport against his/her will.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes and encourage your child to behave accordingly.
- Accept officials' judgements and decisions.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Use correct and proper language and behaviour at all times.
- Promote proper support for the team during matches but refrain from such support becoming personal or offensive to others.
- Remember that a win is gained at the cost of a defeat and public 'gloating' over the losing team should be actively discouraged.
- Share any positive criticisms, views, suggestions or ideas you may have that will benefit an age group or the club as a whole.
- Parents and players should note that "Boxer Shorts" do not provide the necessary support for an abdominal protector. It is therefore imperative that all male players either wear briefs or a 'jock strap' or purpose made shorts for this. No player will be allowed to bat without an abdominal protector and the other relevant protective equipment (gloves, pads and helmet) in place.