

Milnrow Cricket Club - Junior Policies

Policy on the taking and use of Photographs

We recognise the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all young people in cricket. As part of this commitment we will not permit photographs, video images or other images of young people to be taken or used without the consent of the Parent/Guardian and the young player. We follow the guidance issued in 'Safe Hands - Welfare of Young People in Cricket' on the use of images of young people, which is available at <http://www.ecb.co.uk/safehands>. We will take steps to ensure that these images are used solely for the purpose they are intended, which is the promotion and celebration of cricketing activities.

We understand that there are circumstances under which a parent would not wish their child to be photographed. Whilst we will do all that it can to ensure the safety of children during photographer events, it is the responsibility of the parent concerned to ensure that, if their child is not to be photographed and partakes in an activity and is by the nature of the activity, inadvertently photographed or filmed, Milnrow Cricket Club cannot be held responsible.

Transport To Matches And Practice Sessions

Our policy is that parents or other responsible adults are responsible for transporting players to and from all matches and practice sessions and therefore the Club will not be registering private vehicles for the transportation of individuals in connection with any fixtures or practice sessions arranged by the Club. The implementation of this policy is not intended to exclude any player from participation and Parents/Guardians should contact the Club Welfare Officer (Dave Whiteman 01706 365227) if they have any problems with the transportation of players to matches or practice sessions.

Club Changing Policy

For players under the age of 16 playing in adult teams, the following ECB policy applies:

- Players under the age of 16 must not change and shower with senior players. They are allowed to use the same facilities but not at the same time. Junior players aged 16 and over may change and shower at the same time as other players.
- Mobile phones should not be taken into changing rooms; if this is unavoidable they should be switched off.

Juniors playing in open age matches

Only young players who are in year 8 or above in the current school year (under 13's) shall be allowed to play in open age cricket subject to the following criteria:

- They must be capable of playing at the level they are selected. Players in school year 8 must have the endorsement of a Level 2 coach (club coach) and **explicit written consent from their parents or guardian to play in such**

matches. This is not required for players in year 9 and above.

The interpretation from the ECB means u12 age group juniors are not allowed to play in open age cricket even if the parents/guardians have signed 'explicit written consent' unless they are selected for a county or area squad.

Guidance on the wearing of helmets by young players (up to the age of 18)

- Helmets with a faceguard or grille should be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions.
- Young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box).
- Young wicket keepers should wear a helmet with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector when standing up to the stumps.

ECB Updates on Fielding and Bowling Directives

The ECB Fast Bowling Directives have changed following a two year consultation process. They are designed to raise awareness of the need to nurture and protect young fast bowlers through their formative years. Research has shown that fast bowlers are by far the most likely cricketers to be missing playing and training time due to injury. Guidelines for matches:

Age	Previous Max per spell	Previous Max per day	Updated Max per spell	Updated Max per day
Up to 13	4	8	5	10
U14/U15	5	10	6	12
U16/U17	6	18	7	18
U18/U19	7	21	7	18