

## **Notes for Parents and Carers**

### **THE CLUB SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

The Club Welfare Officer with responsibility for the young members is:

**Name: Tracey Solley (Club Safeguarding Officer)**

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The Club Safeguarding Officer will:

- Act as the first point of contact for the reporting of Child Welfare and Protection concerns
- Help and safeguard young people by assisting in the promotion and implementation of the *Welfare of Young People Policy* at a Club level
- Assist in the raising of awareness of others at the Club in respect of Child Protection
- Be a source of advice and information within the club
- To uphold confidentiality, as far as is practical, in all Child Protection matters
- To liaise with the County Welfare Officer when appropriate

### **COACHES and MANAGERS**

Club coaches and team managers (qualified or unqualified) have completed a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

All club members who have regular contact with children will also be required to have a DBS check.

### **GUIDELINES FOR CLUB CHANGING POLICY**

The club has issued guidelines for changing as it affects junior members. These guidelines are shown below. There is also an equity statement, which outlines the open constitution which the club adopts. A copy of this is shown on the club notice board.

*The club has applied the following guidelines, which apply to Adults and Young People (Under the age of 16) sharing changing facilities.*

1. Adults should try to change and shower at separate times to Young Players
2. If Adults and Young Players need to share a changing facility, the Club must have consent from the Parents/Carer that their child/children can share a changing room with adults in the club
3. If Young people are uncomfortable changing or showering with Adults, no pressure should be placed on them to do so. Encourage them to do this at home.

### **JUNIOR CLUB RULES**

This cricket club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes it is important that members, coaches, administrators, parents and carers associated with the club should, at all times, show respect, encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints

they may have about any aspect of the club with the Junior Section Manager/Co-ordinator or Club Safeguarding Officer.

*As a member of Sutton-in-Craven Cricket Club you are expected to abide by the general rules of the club, our Code of Conduct for Cricketers and Spectators and by the following Junior club rules.*

1. All members must play cricket within the laws and in the spirit of the game.
2. All members must respect colleagues, opponents, and officials. Do not make derogatory comments or gestures about your colleagues or opponents. Never try to intimidate the opposition by threats or excessive triumphalism.
3. Be polite to umpires and respect their decisions. **Do not show dissent!** Do not throw tantrums or cricket bats. Such behaviour invites sanctions from club officials.
4. Members should keep to agreed timings for practice and matches or inform their coach or team manager at the earliest possible opportunity if they cannot play or are going to be late.
5. All members should ideally wear the appropriate cricket kit. But don't worry if you don't have right kit, our main aim is to encourage youngsters to play cricket.
6. **All players under the age of 18 years must wear helmets when batting and when standing up to the stumps when wicket keeping.**

#### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

1. Encourage your child to learn the laws of the game and to play within the spirit of those laws.
2. Discourage unfair play and disputes with officials/coaches.
3. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
4. Never force your child to take part in any sport.
5. Set a good example by recognising fair play and by applauding the good performances of all.
6. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
7. Publicly accept the judgment of officials without argument or comment.
8. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy cricket and to develop within it.
9. Use correct and proper language at all times.
10. Do not forget, children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment and not yours.