

## Code of Conduct for Cricket Club Members, Parents and Guests\*



Toft Cricket Club is proud to provide hospitality when available, a friendly greeting and sporting cricket to enjoy – J Reed, Hon. Chairman 2010.

All Members, Parents and Guests of Toft Cricket Club will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief
- Promote the positive aspects of Cricket e.g. fair play. Set a good example by recognising fair play and by applauding the good performances of all.
- Unless a club official or appointed volunteer, refrain from 'verbal interference' towards juniors whilst coaching or a match is taking place. This can be counter-productive to the learning situation as it distracts the junior/s involved and destroys confidence. Use correct and proper language at all times. Gentle / warm encouragement is appreciated.
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed. Never allow a junior to be punished or belittled for losing a game or making mistakes. We should use our mistakes as a learning experience.
- Display high standards of behaviour
- Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with club and/or match officials. Accept judgement of the officials.
- Queries regarding junior coaching or matches should be raised afterwards and not directly during the session. This enables the coach / team manager to focus attention to the junior members in his/her charge.
- Recognise good performance not just match results
- Place the well-being and safety of Young People above the development of performance

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- Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual
- Respect Young People's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket. Never force a junior to participate in any sport / event.
- Support a junior's involvement and help them to enjoy cricket and to develop within it. Do not forget, children are involved in organised sport for **their** enjoyment and **not yours**.
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with Young People in the Club.
- Not provide Young People with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club
- Follow all Toft CC Policies and guidelines. i.e. Equity statement, Changing policy. This are either displayed on the Clubs notice boards or on the clubs website  
<http://www.toftcc.co.uk/DNN/OurClub/Clubmark/tabid/98/Default.aspx>
- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' and any other relevant guidelines issued
- Report any concerns in relation to a Young Person, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB
- In addition to the above, all Club Officers and Appointed Volunteers will:
  - Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance. This includes membership of the ECB Coaches Association, upto date CRB, Good Practice and Child Protection and first aid qualification.
  - Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment)
  - Inform Players and Parents of the requirements of Cricket

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