



Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation

PARENTS/CARERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Selection for a Gloucestershire representative squad is a great honour and achievement for a player, whether they enter at the youngest or at the highest age level. We view these codes as a partnership between team managers, coaches and parents. Throughout this code, the term parent INCLUDES all guests of players involved in the programme.

- When your player is selected for a match, please ensure they arrive with plenty of time to spare. Team managers will specify a meeting time, which allows for warm-ups and team talks prior to the start of the game; these are part of the discipline and structure of Gloucestershire Cricket. Always allow extra time for travelling, particularly to away matches. After the match it is usual for the manager and coach to want time to discuss matters related to the game, therefore all players will be expected to remain behind for a short time afterwards. Parents/Guardians/Carers are responsible for transportation of their young person to and from the match venue unless otherwise stated by the team management, or unless they can use their own transport.
- Dress code must be observed when arriving at and leaving a match. Players will be informed of the dress code required by their respective manager.
- Please encourage your player to take care of his/her clothing and equipment. Please have his/her name put into clothing and onto or inside their equipment if required. The cricketers are responsible for all their own belongings and cannot expect the team manager, coach, or other team members to be searching for missing clothes and equipment.
- On a match day all matters relating to coaching and the game plan are the responsibility of the coach. Parents should not become involved in any aspect of the activity or be around the changing room. The cricketers are expected to stay together as a team during the match, listen to advice from the coach and also form a team relationship. If you do need to talk to the manager or coach, then please do this outside of games and training sessions and we will be more than willing to arrange a mutually convenient time.
- Parents are requested **not to approach the scorers** under any circumstances whatsoever; the players will be supplied with any data required at the conclusion of play.
- All positive support is welcomed but please refrain from open criticism at a match or at training sessions, remembering that some of the cricketers are still inexperienced cricketers with much to learn. Open **negative** criticism can also lead to disaffection within the team and with parents alike and should be avoided at all times. Support the team, and enjoy the experience of watching talented cricketers perform.
- When your player is a member of a squad their behaviour, sportsmanship and manners should be of the highest quality. Encourage your player to learn the rules of the game and to abide by them. Players should never be encouraged or exposed to questioning of an official's judgement.
- The player's welfare is very important to us, so please advise the team manager of any injuries, knocks, recent illness, medical conditions or even worries so that we can act accordingly. Due to Child Protection issues and relevant photo consents please **gain permission** from the team manager **before using** any video or camera equipment.
- Where applicable if as a parent or carer you are unable to accompany your player to a match/training session you must nominate an appointed representative outside of the squad management team who can make decisions on your behalf in case of an emergency and to act as a chaperone. You must inform the team manager of the name of this person prior to the pre-match preparations.



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- Support the efforts of the Coaches and Team Managers involved in the squad through respect and not interfering by word or action.
- Foul and Abusive Language will not be tolerated under any circumstances, this includes both in person or online.