



Captain Scott Invitation XI

Code of Conduct

1. Members and Adult Cricketers

This code of conduct has been prepared to ensure that all cricket and social activities at **Captain Scott Invitation XI** are conducted fairly, sensibly and enjoyably. It is expected that anyone connected with CSI XI - member, junior cricketer, parent, player, friend or spectator will adhere to these guidelines and will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of **Cricket** and promote the positive aspects of **Cricket** e.g. fair play and sporting behaviour.
- 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. Additionally, not to condone, or allow unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed.
- Display high standards of behaviour, conducting themselves fairly and properly - on or off the field of play and will **NOT**:
 - engage in crude, abusive and personal "sledging" of other players or officials
 - use abusive hand signals
 - engage in verbal or physical abuse or hostility to other players or members of the public, or audibly use foul language when berating themselves
- Encourage all participants to learn the **Laws** and rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials and not engage in excessive and/or intimidatory appealing.
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with Young People in the Club, nor provide Young People with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club.
- Follow **ECB** guidelines set out in the '**Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children**' and any other relevant guidelines issued. Children learn by example, so language and behaviour should be moderated when children are present. Also respect Young People's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket.
- In addition to the above, all Club Officers and Appointed Volunteers will:
 - Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance
 - Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations)
 - Know and understand the **ECB's 'Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children'**



- Pay promptly any subscriptions, match fees, event ticket money or similar, and not retain collected club money without prior consent of the Treasurer.

2. Junior Members

Captain Scott Invitation XI is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. **Captain Scott Invitation XI** believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/carers or guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the club secretary.

As a member of **Captain Scott Invitation XI**, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of conduct:

- Maintain the highest standards of dress according to the attached dress code.
- Arrive at matches and events on time and ensure that they advise the team captain if any agreed meeting time cannot be met, giving reasons.
- Advise the team captain if you have sustained any injuries which may affect your performance, if you receive an injury during a game always tell your captain; a first aid kit will always be available at matches or training sessions.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude towards all aspects of the game.
- Demonstrate that he/she is a team player by supporting and encouraging fellow players.
- Show the highest standards of sportsmanship and abide by the ethos contained in the MCC 'Spirit of Cricket'.
- Not use foul or abusive language or spit saliva on or off the field.
- Not intimidate or deliberately distract opponents verbally or by acts of gamesmanship or aggressive behaviour.
- Accept an umpire's decision at all times and not show dissent or disagreement.
- Listen to and take notice of guidance and instructions given by coaches and managers.
- Refrain from consumption of alcohol and tobacco and any other stimulants or harmful substances and also from chewing gum as this could cause choking if swallowed during the course of the activity.
- Take no unnecessary risks, which might compromise your safety and the safety of others.
- Accept victory and defeat with grace and dignity.
- All players under the age of 18 must wear a helmet at all times when batting and when standing up to the stumps as a wicket keeper. Parental letters consenting to a player not to wear a helmet will not be accepted.



3. Drugs and Banned Substances

The **Executive Committee at Captain Scott Invitation XI** values the fact that we are a family club who promotes the playing of cricket at all levels, and the right behaviour of its members on and off the pitch.

Captain Scott Invitation XI has a zero-tolerance policy on drugs and banned substances. Anyone who is found in possession, or witnessed abusing the policy, will be subject to disciplinary action. Members are reminded that any instances should be reported to a member of the **Committee**, and that they are also responsible for the actions of their guests, whilst present at the **Club**, who must also follow the club's **Code of Conduct**.

Any member reported in breach of the above regulations, will be banned for a minimum period of 18 months. After this period, future membership of the Club will need to be applied for and will be at the discretion of the Committee or delegated sub- committee.

4. Breaches of the Code

Any breach of this code will result in disciplinary action being taken against individuals and/or the team. Incidents will be recorded and dealt with by the team manager who may issue a formal verbal warning as to future conduct.

Where a breach of the code is proven, a player may be warned as to his/her future conduct, suspended or banned from representing the Captain Scott Invitation XI in representative cricket.