



Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct set out below defines standards that are expected of clubs and players within the league.

- 1 All clubs and players must uphold the properly constituted rules of the league.
- 2 All clubs and players should:
 - Accept that cricket within the league should be played in a competitive manner at the highest possible level of conduct and sportsmanship thereby providing enjoyment and comradeship for all concerned.
 - Accept that they are responsible for ensuring that the spirit & laws of the game are upheld. Prime responsibility rests with the captain, particularly on the field of play, in the pavilion, and in any other connection with the game. In addition, positive action is required by the club to set the standards of behaviour expected of players. For this reason clubs & captains may be liable to disciplinary action for offences committed by club players.
 - Positively discourage the following examples of bad sportsmanship/ill-discipline:
 - i) Showing dissent at decisions by the umpires (whether league-appointed or club nominees). Verbal dissent will not be tolerated and if proven will always result in at least a ban. Other forms of dissent (e.g. gesture/look/action) are equally unnecessary.
 - ii) Making disparaging remarks about the umpires. Again such proven incidents will result in at least a ban.
 - iii) Fielders making ridiculous appeals.
 - iv) Sledging. In this context, sledging is defined as any disparaging remark made to or about, players of the opposite side on the field of play. Particular care is necessary with remarks intended to encourage the bowler.
 - v) Unruly behaviour on and off the field of play.
 - vi) Foul or obscene language, or spitting.
 - vii) Any action that could be construed as unfair play.
- 3 In certain circumstances the captain may be required to take action against a player or players, particularly if requested to do so on the field of play by an umpire. In dealing with reported incidents of indiscipline, clubs will be expected to follow the ECB Recreational Conduct Regulations for clubs within a league or the SCL Disciplinary procedure.
- 4 Clubs should aim to select players for all teams on merit. It is not within the spirit of the league to artificially strengthen or weaken teams to achieve promotion, avoid relegation, or gain other advantage. For the avoidance of any doubt, this includes the movement of players into a club's lower teams when one or more of their higher team's scheduled fixtures on the same day is cancelled or abandoned. If any doubt please contact the league.
- 5 Clubs should strive to attain the highest possible standards of excellence in respect of grounds and facilities.