

Code of Conduct

Please Read

This applies as stated to members of Chalfont St Peter Cricket Club, Chalfont Park Football Club, including parents of juniors within those sections, Social Members and their guests. Breaches of the Code of Conduct will be dealt with under the Club's disciplinary policy.

All Members and Guests

WE ALWAYS:

- Treat others with respect and dignity, including all officials, spectators, coaches and players, whether from the club or opposition
- Be magnanimous in victory and gracious in defeat
- Work together to create a positive and welcoming club environment
- Encourage a healthy environment, where skill development, enjoyment and teamwork are promoted
- Take ownership in ensuring that we are up to date with all club rules, policies and procedures, and are in keeping with the values of the club

WE NEVER:

- Tolerate abusive, threatening or intimidating behaviour towards anyone at the club, and instances of this behaviour should be challenged and reported
- Challenge, or encourage others to challenge, the decision of any match official
- Enter the field of play, unless instructed otherwise by match officials
- Use inappropriate language towards people at the club
- Tolerate cheating or manipulation of competition

Use of the Club Bar

- All members and guests can use the club bar, which is run by the Licenced Contractor.
- Members are responsible for the behaviour of guests and those they have nominated for membership.
- We do not tolerate abusive behaviour toward the Contractor or any bar staff, or any drug use whatsoever.
- The Contractor has the power to stop serving a member/guest, ask them to leave the premises or bar them for a suitable length of time. The severity of any punishment is entirely at the discretion of the Contractor, who will keep the Club Committee informed.
- The Club is part of the Chalfont Pub Watch Group and that has implications for entry into all pubs in Chalfont following a misdemeanour.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for the behaviour of their children. If children are misbehaving, the parents/guardians can be asked to take their children home and membership of the club may be terminated.

Disciplinary Process

Where a member has a complaint against another member they must make a written complaint to the Club Secretary, who shall assess whether there has been a breach of the code of conduct or a misconduct. If there has been a breach or a misconduct has occurred, the Committee shall be informed and subsequently the Disciplinary Committee shall be convened (consisting of the Club Secretary, the Chair and one other committee member who should, if possible, be from the relevant club section). The Disciplinary Committee shall decide on an outcome (after giving member/s a fair right of representation) and send it in writing to the complainant and plaintiff. Where the recommendation is to permanently ban a member the Disciplinary Committee shall present this to the Committee for a vote. Where the vote is indecisive the Chair shall have final say. The Disciplinary Committee's decision (or Committee in case of a permanent ban) is final.

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Appendix 1

Additional Expectations for Cricket Players and Supporters, including Parents of Junior Cricket Members

The Club's Code of Conduct has evolved to preserve both the 'Spirit of Cricket' as enunciated in the preamble of the MCC's laws of the game (see below), and the 'Spirit of CSPCC', which strives to build a community where each and every member, player or supporter of whatever age, sexuality or ethnic background should feel at home and appreciated in their common pursuit of a sport they cherish.

The laws of cricket and the ethos of CSPCC, embody the shared principles of respect for all participants, fairness, honesty, and integrity on and off the immediate field of play. Each and every member of the Club has a duty to uphold the values and reputation of both the game of cricket and the family of CSPCC; abuse of either diminishes us all.

Spirit of Cricket

The Role of the Captains

The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

The captains are always responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain and instruct the latter to take action.

Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time, and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain
- The roles of the umpires

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- The game's traditional values
- It is against the Spirit of the Game:
- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
- to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
- to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.

Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on or off the field of play.

Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.

The Spirit of CSPCC

Members of CSPCC are united by a shared enthusiasm and love of cricket and its wish to pursue this interest within a Club, where all are welcome and encouraged, whatever their previous experience of the sport. CSPCC's strength lies in the breadth of the age and background of its membership and its commitment to ensure that regardless of ability everyone enjoys the game. There is a duty of the more experienced to encourage and help build-up the self-esteem of the less confident; anything less, on or off the field of play, is divisive and destructive of the ethos of the Club.

Therefore, it is essential that:

- No player should attempt to usurp or undermine the authority of the Captain.
- Players should recognise that field placements are the prerogative of the Captain in liaison with the Bowler and, if he chooses, after consulting with his Vice-Captain(s).
- Players and supporters should recognise that praise and encouragement are far more effective in building confidence and improving performance than harsh criticism and ridicule.
- No player or supporter should openly and loudly direct abuse or criticism at a player who has made an error or convey their displeasure in a manner intended to be seen and/or heard.
- Players should never, in response to their own mistakes, seek 'scapegoats' by placing the blame on another player or an umpire.
- Players and supporters should always demonstrate a high level of sportsmanship, even in the face of intimidation.
- No player or supporter should endanger the reputation of the Club by the excessive consumption of alcohol or use of illicit drugs before or during a game or a post-match social.

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