



Monton Cricket Club (MCC) Junior Cricket Code of Conduct

MCC has a burgeoning reputation for producing excellent junior cricket teams and for developing its junior cricketers into important members of its senior sides, whether that may be 1st XI regulars or enthusiastic members of less competitive Sunday sides.

In addition to developing talented cricketers, we place equal emphasis on the development of a love of the game of cricket and a respect for its unique etiquette. It is important to MCC that we maintain the highest standards of sporting behaviour and your child will be expected to understand the basic requirements.

We therefore ask that you familiarise yourself and your child with the basic guidelines to which all junior members and parents are expected to adhere.

1. Sportsmanship must be displayed at all times.
2. Players must support their teammates at all times. That means that, however good natured it appears to be, no chastising other team members for mistakes or performance. Players thrive in an environment of support and encouragement, and next time it could be you that drops the catch or fails to stop the ball.
3. At the end of the innings the fielding side are to clap the batsmen off the field.
4. Under no circumstances are players permitted to challenge the umpire's decision.
5. After every game (win or lose) irrespective of opposition's behaviour, we line-up to acknowledge our opposition with a handshake, fist/elbow bump (Covid rules depending).
6. No inappropriate behaviour on or off field. That includes messing around on the outfield or distracting the players on the field. Players will benefit by observing the game, rather than "practising" on the boundary edge, and teammates will greatly value the support they receive.
7. "Sledging" is viewed as inappropriate in junior cricket.
8. MCC has a complete inclusivity policy, which parents and players are asked to read. However, in short, MCC is committed to providing a safe place for everyone, free from discrimination and bigotry and without bullying or anti-social behaviour. "Banter" that has any discriminatory basis is absolutely unacceptable, and MCC and all players and parents are expected to have zero tolerance. Any incidents should be reported to Bruce Hailey named in our Inclusion and Diversity Policy, and all players, parents and guests to MCC should expect that any breaches of our Inclusion and Diversity Policy will result in sanctions. Children make mistakes, but they will be required to take responsibility for those mistakes and to understand that they have consequences for the victims, for themselves and for the reputation of MCC.
9. Parents are expected to support their own children, other children, opposition teams and the team managers and coaches in the implementation and compliance with this code of conduct.
10. Parents who have a concern over any aspect of their child's cricketing experience then they should raise that with the team manager or another member of the junior committee at an appropriate time. Very rarely is an appropriate time during a game, or in the presence of other parents or children.

11. Parents are asked to reflect on that fact that beyond the u11 pairs cricket, equal participation in every game of cricket is difficult to achieve. It is inherent in the game of cricket that sometimes, some players will have little to do. Team managers will try their best to ensure that during the course of the season all players have fair opportunity.
12. Parents should familiarise themselves with the junior selection policy.

Under ECB guidelines, code breaches may be reportable to the league, post-match, and at the Umpire/Team Manager's discretion.

A breach of this Code above may incur sanctions, including a suspension from participation in MCC cricketing activities or in the most serious cases expulsion from MCC.

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