



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS

ECPA is committed to the development of our elite young cricketers and helping them achieve their personal potential.

As society, attitudes and patterns of behaviour are changing, ECPA has made the decision to issue a Code of Conduct to all ECPA activity participants and they thereby agree to fully abide by its contents.

Participants are the most important people in cricket and during ECPA activities. When playing for a team to win is the fundamental aim of the game; but not to win at all cost, fair play and respect for opponents and team mates in the game is fundamentally important. When in training and developmental activities; players are expected to respect: the coach(es), their peers, the facilities and learning environment is vital to maximise their own learning as well as supporting and accelerating their peers development too.

Key Principles of the Code of Conduct are:

- The players' welfare is paramount.
- All players, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- All players have the right to be safe and treated with dignity and respect.

Any breach of this Code may lead to the player being warned as to their future conduct. In more serious cases, being suspended, or barred from participation in ECPA activities. During camps, programmes or tours players may be sent home for serious breaches of discipline. Parents/Carers shall be notified.

A Disciplinary Procedure is available upon request.

- Make every effort to develop their own technical, tactical, physical and mental abilities with the aim of reaching their full potential.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during games and practice.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly other players.
- Play cricket in a competitive manner whilst maintaining the highest standards of sportsmanship.
- When invited or selected to attend ECPA events, arrive punctually, behave with self-discipline and give notice and reasons for any absence.
- Listen to and take on board guidance given by the ECPA coaching team and other ECPA or external officials.
- Practice the techniques and skills taught by the ECPA coaching team and attempt to apply them within matches or competitive situations.
- Abide by the spirit, as well as the letter, of the laws of cricket (copies of the "*Spirit of Cricket*" are available from your ECPA Head Coach alternatively via <https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws/spiritof-cricket>).
- Accept the umpire's or officiating personnel's decision at all times and do not show any dissent – officials will be advised prior to matches of the high standard expected from a ECPA representatives.



- Behave and dress in an appropriate manner (both on and off the field) when participating in ECPA activities. Participants are requested to wear their ECPA clothing during all ECPA activities.
- Only use mobile phones when agreed by the team manager, or session lead coach, unless it is an emergency.
- Not to take alcohol or tobacco, or any other stimulant or harmful substance whilst participating in ECPA sessions, fixtures, or on tour.
- Accept victory and defeat with dignity and grace.
- Not use foul and abusive language on or off the field.
- Treat all players, both team mates and opposition, as you would like to be treated.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship including sledging.
- Not make negative references to any ECPA activity or official on the World Wide Web or social medial platforms and ensure strict confidentiality is adhered to.
- Not make any references to any ECPA Participant or parent on the World Wide Web or social medial platforms and ensure strict confidentiality is adhered to.
- Thank umpires, venue officials and opponents at the end of matches.
- All participants cannot direct message coaches, managers, ambassadors & volunteers via email, text or social media platforms. Communication should only be made through ECPA staff should only occur through ECPA officials and event organisers via the parents/guardians.

