



# **Holmbridge Cricket Club**

## **Club Policies**

### **2016**

## **Code of Conduct**

Holmbridge Cricket Club expects all members to abide by the conditions laid down in this code of conduct. This also contains additional codes of conduct for: Officials, Coaches & Volunteers.

1. The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.
2. Players and Club Members must at all times accept the Umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the Umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disappointing manner towards an Umpire at any time.
3. Players and Club Members shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another Player or a Spectator.
4. Players and Club Members shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as 'sledging') nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.
5. Players and Club Members shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters.
6. Players and Club Members will observe the highest standards of sportsmanship and behavior both on and off the field of play.

Also all playing members, senior and junior, are also expected to abide by the following: Huddersfield Central Cricket League, Code of Conduct. YCB, Code of Conduct.

---

## **Code of Conduct for Junior Members**

All junior members of Holmbridge Cricket Club must:

- Play within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.
  - Abide by instructions given by the Team Manager/Coach.
  - Respect opponents, officials, coaches and volunteers.
  - Behave with self-discipline.
  - At all times accept the Umpire's decision and never show dissent.
  - Not use foul or abusive language on or off the field.
  - Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
  - Co-operate with Coaches, Team mates and Opponents – remember that without them there would be no game.
  - Dress in an appropriate manner for training and matches (as agreed with coach)
  - Remember that all fees must be paid promptly.
  - Never smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club.
  - Never consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on club premises or whilst representing the club.
- 

## **Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians**

Parents/Guardians must:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.

- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
  - Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
  - Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
  - Always accept the judgement of officials.
  - Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the game.
- 

## **Code of conduct for Officials, Coaches & Volunteers**

The club has adopted the following:

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Code of Conduct for Coaches All coaches and volunteers involved with the junior section must comply with these. It is also the responsibility of all coaches and volunteers to make themselves aware of the clubs Child Protection Policy and also the ECB policy 'Safe Hands' - The Welfare of Young People in Cricket. Copies of the above code of conduct can be obtained from the Club Welfare Officer.

Also all coaches must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behavior and appearance.
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover.
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances.

The Laws of Cricket, 2000 Code - The Preamble, the Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

1. There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

**Responsibility of Captains**

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

**Player's Conduct**

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions 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.

2. 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.

3. 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

4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

5. 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:
  - a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
  - b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
  - c) 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

6. Violence

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

7. Players

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

8. Please click on the following link for the code of conduct that we expect from Junior Members, Parents & Guardians. [Click here](#)

The players, umpires and scorers in a game of cricket may be of either gender and the Laws apply equally to both. The use, throughout the text, of pronouns indicating the male gender is purely for brevity. Except where specifically stated otherwise, every provision of the Laws is to be read as applying to women and girls equally as to men and boys.

---

## Child Protection Notice

The protection and welfare of all junior members is the first priority for all coaches and volunteers of Holmbridge Cricket Club.

Holmbridge Cricket Club has adopted the ECB Document "**SAFE HANDS**" The Welfare of Young People in Cricket Policy.

All coaches and volunteers must make themselves aware of this policy, and also the Club's own policy which is a comprehensive supporting document. Both of these are available from the Club Welfare Officer.

The Club Welfare Officer is: **Martin Gledhill**

Any matters related to child protection or any problems may be discussed with the above or alternatively a senior member of the management committee.

## First Aid and Emergency Procedures

Wherever possible more than one adult should be in attendance when administering first aid to injuries. First aid equipment will be available at the clubs premises. An accident report book is provided in each first aid kit. Parents and guardians will be informed immediately of any injury or illness.

Whenever there is injury or illness the following guidelines should be followed:

- Stay calm but act swiftly and observe the situation. Is there danger of further injuries?
- Listen to what the injured person is saying
- Alert the first aider who should take appropriate action for minor injuries
- In the event of a serious injury, call the emergency services
- Deal with the rest of the group and ensure they are adequately supervised
- Do not move someone with major injuries, wait for the emergency services
- Contact the injured person's parent/guardian
- Fill in the accident report book

Nearest Accident & Emergency to the club:

Huddersfield Royal Infirmary  
Main Switchboard - 01484 342000 or 0844 8110101  
Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) - 01484 342128

Calderdale Royal Hospital  
Main Switchboard - 01422 357171 or 0844 8110101  
Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) - 01422 222417  
Website: [www.cht.nhs.uk](http://www.cht.nhs.uk)

---

## Matches and Practice

No junior member will be allowed to play hard ball cricket without appropriate adult supervision. Specifically, practice in the nets can only be conducted with the authority of the coaches, and then it is subject to the junior cricketer's abilities.

Appropriate protective clothing and kit must be worn. Coaches and volunteers have the right to prohibit any junior from playing or practicing if they are not satisfied that this requirement is met.

The following directives and guidelines shall apply for games, nets and practice sessions:  
The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Fast Bowling Directive and Safety Guidance on the Wearing of Cricket Helmets by Young Players.

It's the clubs policy to ensure all junior members wear helmets regardless of the parental consent.

The club is committed to ensuring that colts are able to enjoy developing their cricket skills and having fun in an environment which is safe, and encourages the support of club members and colts parents.

---

For all the latest information please visit the club website - [www.holmbridgecc.hitscricket.com](http://www.holmbridgecc.hitscricket.com)  
Follow us on Twitter - [www.twitter.com/HolmbridgeCC](https://www.twitter.com/HolmbridgeCC)  
Like us on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/HolmbridgeCC](https://www.facebook.com/HolmbridgeCC)