

Sedgefield Cricket Club

Players Code of Conduct

All playing members are expected at all times act in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct listed below and in line with the ECB Code of Conduct and codes laid down by the various Leagues SCC participate in.

Players are responsible for their own discipline but Captains must accept responsibility for managing the tone on the field of play and as stated in the ECB code are ultimately responsible for the teams behaviour as a whole.

At Sedgefield Cricket Club we will follow the ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket Regulations covering players behaviour both on and off the field. A full copy of the ECB code and the disciplinary procedures for all Leagues are available on request but specifically SCC will expect the following from its players, officials and members;

- Will conduct themselves fairly and properly on and off the field of play
- Will NOT engage in verbal or physical abuse or hostility to other players or members of the public
- Will NOT dispute decisions nor react provocatively towards Umpires at any time
- Will NOT engage in crude, abusive and personal 'sledging' of other players or officials both verbally or using abusive hand signals
- Will NOT engage in excessive and/or intimidatory appealing
- Will NOT consume alcohol until the match being played has drawn to a conclusion
- Will respect and welcome all players and guests to SCC

The Executive and Cricket Committees of Sedgefield CC are determined to make sure that the behaviour outlined above will be conducted by all its playing and social members and will follow the procedures laid down by Leagues to deal with any breaches of discipline that may unfortunately occur in the future.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPIRIT OF CRICKET

1. Sedgefield Cricket Club is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. The contents of this document are based on the guidelines set down by the ECB in their Code of Conduct which also incorporates the Spirit of Cricket. The code is set out below and applies to all matches played under the auspices of SCC and may be applied to behaviour in general within the Cricket Club.
2. The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.
3. Players and Team Officials 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 disapproving manner towards an Umpire at any time.
4. Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate assault or attempt to intimidate an Umpire, another Player or Spectator.
5. Players and Team Officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (sledging) nor make abusive gestures or and signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.
6. Players and Team Officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.
7. Players and Team Officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
8. The Club will make the necessary and adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of all members towards players and officials.
9. Cricket should be played not only within the Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the Captains.

There are two Laws, which place the responsibility of the team's conduct firmly on the Captain.

- Responsibility of the 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.
- Players' Conduct – In an event that any Player failing to comply with the instructions of the Umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, 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 requesting the latter to take action.

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 when required.

The Umpires are authorised to intervene in the cases of:

- Time wasting

- Damaging the pitch
- Intimidatory bowling
- Ball tampering
- Any other action they may consider to be unfair

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

It is against the Spirit of the Game to:

- Dispute an Umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- Direct abusive language towards an opponent or Umpire
- Indulge in any forms of cheating or 'gamesmanship' e.g.
 1. appeal, knowing the batsman is not out
 2. advance to an Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 3. seek to distract opponents either verbally or using unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

Violence

There is no place for any **ACT OR THREAT** of violence **ON OR OFF** the field of play.

Players

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

Social Networking

Sedgefield CC encourage interaction and discussion between players, officials, friends, in fact anyone interested in Sedgefield Cricket Club.

If you post a question to the club on this site we will respond as promptly as possible.

We ask that you're respectful in your comments. We reserve the right to remove anything we deem:

- Abusive or personal attacks
- Material that is unlawful, obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, abusive, slanderous, hateful or embarrassing to any other entity
- Third party advertising

We also reserve the right to terminate involvement by users who post such content.

The views and opinions expressed on the club's social media sites do not necessarily represent those of the Sedgefield Cricket Club. Therefore, we cannot be held responsible for the accuracy or reliability of information posted by external parties.

For your safety, never include your phone number, email, address or other personal information in a post. Your comments are visible to all. Members please be aware of our code of conduct when using Social networking sites.

Signed: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____