



Great Melton Cricket Club



Code of Conduct / Set of Rules for Young People

Great Melton Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members.

Great Melton Cricket Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/carers or guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with Club Safeguarding Officer, **Celia Phoenix**, Chairman, **Steve Phoenix** or Head of Junior Coaching, **Matt Rushton**

As a member of Great Melton Cricket Club you are expected to abide by the general rules of the club and by the Junior Code of Conduct. Junior Members should:

- Play cricket within the laws and in the spirit of the game and respect officials and their decisions.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion. This means:
 - Being well-mannered and well-behaved at all times, avoiding all forms of bad language, bullying and misbehavior.
 - Never verbally or physically abusing teammates, opponents, umpires, spectators or coaches: respecting decisions and not showing dissent.
 - Showing respect to colleagues, opponents and officials by not making derogatory comments or gestures nor by trying to intimidate opponents by threats or triumphalism.
- Respect club facilities and equipment. This is especially important when representing Great Melton Cricket Club and visiting other clubs.
- Keep to agreed timings for practice and when meeting prior to matches, or inform your team manager or coach at the earliest possible opportunity if you cannot play or are going to be late for a match. Please remember that Cricket is a team game and your late withdrawal may cause cancellation or severely disadvantage the team.
- When representing Great Melton Cricket Club, be appropriately dressed – training/cricket shoes, shorts or tracksuit for training/coaching sessions, whites for matches – as agreed with the coach/team manager. Boys must wear underclothing able to support an abdominal protector (box). Protective equipment must always be worn as directed by coaches. When a

hard ball is used, it is obligatory to wear a helmet and for boys to wear an abdominal protector when batting and when standing up to the stumps when wicket keeping. Under 11 wicketkeepers must wear a helmet at all times.

- Pay any fees for training, coaching, matches or other events promptly.
- Take practice seriously. Junior members who disrupt practice shall be asked to sit out the session. They will not be sent home. In such circumstances they will remain under adult supervision until collected at the arranged time. Players who are continually disruptive may have their membership cancelled.
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.