SUSSEX CRICKET LTD JUNIOR CRICKET - CODE OF CONDUCT - PLAYERS

Sussex Cricket is committed to ensuring that safeguarding is embedded as a fundamental principle of all cricketing activity that takes place in Sussex. We will seek to ensure that a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment exists where children can enjoy their cricket, develop their skills and abilities and are listened to.

This code applies to all youth cricket played under the jurisdiction of Sussex Cricket Ltd.

- 1. Play in a competitive manner but always within the laws of the game. Ensure that the game is played in accordance with the MCC's Spirit of Cricket.
- 2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 3. Players are expected to show the highest standards of sportsmanship. This should not need further explanation but, for example, the following are not acceptable
- a. Foul or abusive language
- b. Intimidation or deliberate distraction of opponents orally or by acts of gamesmanship or aggressive behaviour.
- 4. Behaviour at any match or training session should be such as to cause no offence to any other person. Players will be supportive of others at all times.
- 5. Players will not be permitted to smoke or consume alcohol or drugs whilst participating in a Sussex Cricket Pathway or County Age Group fixture or training session. The abuse of alcohol and of tobacco, or any other stimulant or harmful substance, whilst representing the County will be a disciplinary offence.
- 6. It is players responsibility to be punctual for all training and matches informing team coach or lead coach if you are to be late or unavailable.
- 7. Players must dress in an appropriate manner both on and off the field as specified by Junior Pathway Manager or team coach.
- 8. During all Sussex Cricket junior activity players must remain with the coaches, rest of the team or training group at all times unless approved by coach(es).
- 9. Have fun, always give maximum effort, not fear failure and listen to the advice of those helping to support you.

<u>Disciplinary Procedure</u>

- 1. Where breach of this code is proven it may result in the player receiving a verbal warning as to his future conduct, from the coach and/or Junior Pathway Manager.
- 2. Any serious breach of this code while representing Sussex Cricket may result in disciplinary action being taken that could jeopardise a player's selection for Pathway, County, Regional or National cricket.

Reporting Issues or Concerns

Players, parents/carers are encouraged to report, share any concerns or complaints that they may have regarding the Pathway or County Age Group Programme with their coach. If this fails to resolve the matter, then contact should be made with the Sussex Cricket Performance Director (Keith Greenfield) keith.greenfield@sussexcricket.co.uk

The Sussex County Safeguarding Officer is Nick May. His role is to ensure that cricket is fun and safe for all. He is available on 07463 225701, nick.may@sussexcricket.co.uk or Alternatively, matters can be referred to safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk