

SUSSEX CRICKET LTD JUNIOR CRICKET – CHARTER – PARENTS/CARERS

Sussex Cricket understands the vital role parents/carers play in encouraging and supporting players through their development as cricketers and people. Without this encouragement and support many pathway players would be unable to participate in sport. As a parent/carer the way you are involved in your child's sport can influence their enjoyment and their continued engagement, as well as their performance.

This charter has been introduced to provide guidance and to ensure that parents/guardians support players to the best of their ability and to create an environment to allow players to perform to the best of their ability. Parents/carers/family members of players involved in the Sussex Pathway are expected to follow these guidelines.

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

Always respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Sussex Cricket Ltd does not tolerate any discriminatory language or behaviour and expectations are that everyone is able to play in an inclusive environment free from discrimination.

1. Remember that children play cricket for their enjoyment, not yours and refrain from criticism.
2. Encourage players to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the player's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage players to always participate according to the rules.
5. Always respect officials, coaches and Sussex Cricket staff members and encourage players to do the same. Respect their roles, supporting them and any decisions they take at all times.
6. Accept that selection for the Sussex Cricket Pathway or County Age Group team is at the sole discretion of the Pathway Manager and the Head Coach.
7. At no time are parents to go onto the field of play during, before or after a match, or engage with players on the field of play.
8. Parents must **never** enter any dressing room or team area (indoors or outdoors) unless instructed to by one of the coaching team.
9. Understand the need to display positive body language at all times to ensure that players feel confident to perform; including when walking around the ground as matches are on.
10. Never engage in
 - a. Foul or abusive language
 - b. Intimidation or deliberate distraction of opponents orally or by acts of gamesmanship or aggressive behaviour.
11. Ensure that players adhere to the agreed dress code and have appropriate clothing and equipment for the session or match. Players should take ownership of their own equipment by carrying bags to and from all matches and/or training sessions.
12. Be prepared to assist with non-coaching activities as requested such as scoring.
13. At the appropriate time, never during a match or training session, you are welcome to discuss in a polite manner any concerns or queries you have with a coach, coaches or Pathway Manager.

Reporting Issues or Concerns

Players, parents/guardians are 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 complaint, 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 safeguarding@sussexcricket.co.uk

Alternatively, matters can be referred to safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk