



Blackpool Cricket Club

Coaches Code of Conduct

The Coaches Charter

- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by the rules of the ECB.
- Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct, or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the players.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the player, and where appropriate their parents, exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- Coaches must cooperate fully with other specialists e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists, in the best interests of the player.
- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport e.g. fair play, and never condone violation of the Laws of the Game; behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- Coaches must constantly display high standards of behaviour and appearance.

Any breach of any provisions of this Code of Conduct by a Coach shall constitute a breach of the rules of the ECB and shall be dealt with under the procedures as set out in the rules of the ECB.

Setting standards for playing cricket

Blackpool Cricket Club aims to:

- Provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which to play cricket.
- Demonstrate best practice.
- Promote ethics and high standards throughout the game of cricket.
- Develop a comprehensive and quality-assured child protection training programme to meet the needs of all adults involved with young people in the game.

As a coach at Blackpool Cricket Club you are working with young people and are in a trusted position; therefore, you need to be aware of the following:

- Your moral and legal responsibilities when involved with children on and off the cricket field.
- What is meant by best and poor practice in cricket and what might need to change so your players always experience best practice.
- The signs that a child 's welfare may be threatened.
- What to do if you have concerns about the welfare of a young person or the behaviour of an adult towards a young person.
- Your emotions and feelings when examining issues related to abuse or poor practice.

All coaches involved in young person's cricket should:

- Avoid spending too much time alone with one young person away from the others.
- Avoid taking young people to your/their home where you will be alone with this young person.
- Never take part in rough, physical or sexually provocative games, including horseplay.
- Never share a room with a young person.
- Never allow or take part in any form of inappropriate touching.
- Never allow young people to use inappropriate language.
- Never make sexually suggestive comments towards a young person, even in fun.
- Never reduce a young person to tears as a form of control.
- Never allow allegations by a young person to go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted upon.
- Never do things of a personal nature for young people or vulnerable adults that they can do for themselves.
- Never invite or allow young people to stay with them at their home unsupervised.
- Never accept bullying, rule violation or the use of prohibited substances.

