



Mersham Sports Club

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Junior Members Code of Conduct

Applies to;

All Members under 18 years of age.

At Mersham Sports club one of our primary aims is to ensure that all our junior members enjoy the experience of participating in sport, we expect our players to take part in matches or training sessions to the very best of their ability, both for themselves and their team. Showing a desire to win is important - it is the most fundamental part of any sport - but not winning at any cost, fair play and respect is vitally important too.

Therefore, as a junior member of Mersham Sports Club, we expect you to follow our Junior Code of Practice:

- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Always play to the best of my ability.
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect.
- Play within the rules of the game – I will not cheat or complain.
- Promote Fair Play and Sportsmanship during training and matches.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and officials at the end of every game.
- Listen and respond to what my coach / team manager tells me.
- Not use foul or abusive language.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach/manager if they are going to be late.
- Wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/manager.
- Pay any fees for membership, training or matches promptly.
- Adhere to the Club constitution at all times.
- Talk to someone I trust or the Club Welfare Officer if I'm unhappy with anything at my club. Please see website for details of all Welfare Officers.

I understand that if I do not follow these rules the following actions could be taken by my club, County or Regulating body:

- You will have to apologise to your team –mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- The matter will be discussed with your parent or guardian.
- You may be dropped or substituted in a game – or from several games
- Be suspended from training or playing at all for a period of time.
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the Club committee
- Be asked to leave the Mersham Sports Club.

Mersham Sports Club also feels that every junior player should



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- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area.
- Take care of all equipment owned by the club.
- Refrain from bullying or use of rough, intimidating and dangerous play.
- Report abuse or inappropriate behaviour.
- Be gracious in defeat.

We as a club feel that children/young people have the right to:

- Be safe and listened to.
- Be respected.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy sport in a protective environment.
- Be protected from inappropriate behaviour / abuse by other club members.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Experience competition and the desire to win.
- Be believed when asking for help.

Please contact the Child Welfare Officer should there be any concerns (please see details on the website).

