



WEST BRETTON CRICKET CLUB

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Junior Cricket, Parents & Carers Code of Conduct

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Status of this Policy

This policy is adopted by the Management Committee pursuant to its powers under the West Bretton Cricket Club Constitution. It must be read consistently with the Constitution and with applicable law, ECB, Cricket Regulator, league and competition requirements.

Where an internal governance conflict arises between this policy and the Club Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail.

Change History

Version	Date	Description of Change	Author	Approved By / Date
1.0	21/08/2026	Initial draft	Tony Rushforth	



Purpose

West Bretton Cricket Club wants junior cricket to be safe, welcoming, enjoyable and developmental.

Winning and competition are important parts of sport, but the welfare, development and enjoyment of children must remain paramount.

ECB safeguarding guidance emphasises a child-centred approach, positive feedback, fair play, respect and creating an environment in which children are listened to.

Junior Players

Junior players are expected to:

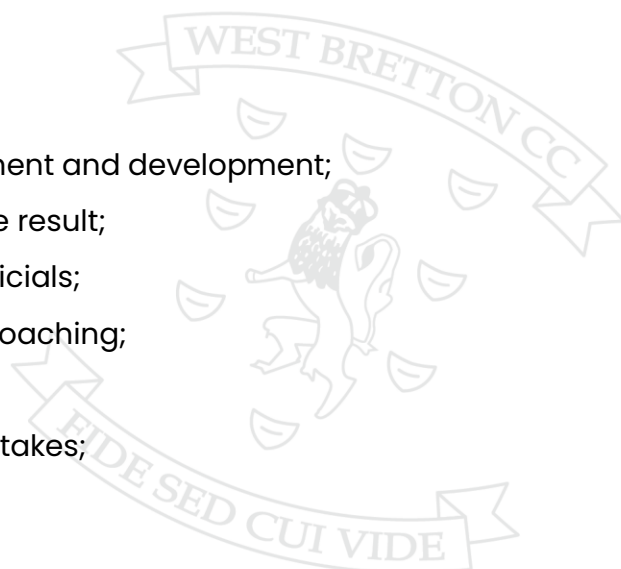
- Play fairly and within the spirit and Laws of Cricket;
- Listen to coaches and officials;
- Respect team-mates, opposition players and umpires;
- Accept umpiring decisions;
- Avoid abusive, discriminatory or bullying behaviour;
- Encourage team-mates;
- Take reasonable care of Club equipment;
- Tell a trusted adult if something makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable; and
- Remember that mistakes are part of learning.

Junior players must not deliberately intimidate, humiliate or exclude another child.

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Encourage their child to participate for enjoyment and development;
- Support good sportsmanship regardless of the result;
- Respect coaches, captains, volunteers and officials;
- Avoid shouting instructions that conflict with coaching;
- Never abuse or intimidate an umpire;
- Avoid criticising or humiliating children for mistakes;
- Recognise good play by both teams;



- Raise concerns appropriately rather than confronting children, parents or officials;
- Follow safeguarding requirements;
- Ensure the Club holds appropriate emergency and medical information; and
- Behave responsibly when using social media.

Spectator Behaviour

Parents, carers and other spectators must not:

- Enter the playing area without good reason;
- Use discriminatory or abusive language;
- Intimidate umpires;
- Confront junior players;
- Encourage aggressive behaviour; or
- Undermine coaches during sessions.

Arrival and Collection

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring children arrive safely and are collected promptly.

Children should not be left at the Club before the agreed supervision period begins.

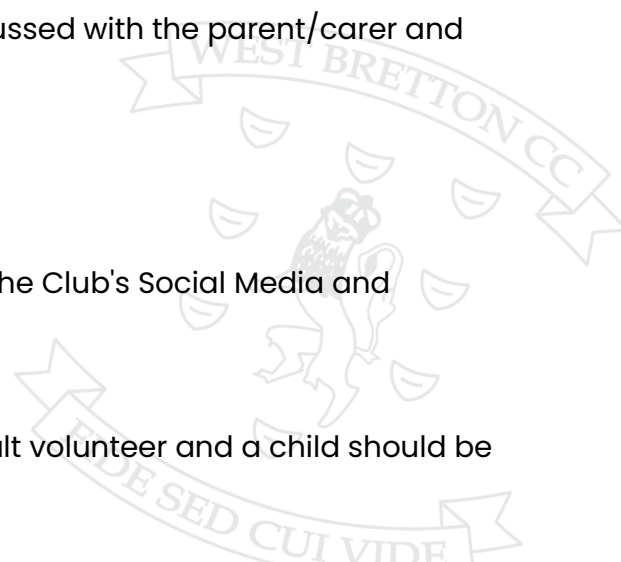
If a parent/carers will be late collecting a child, they should notify the appropriate coach or team manager promptly.

Repeated unreasonable late collection may be discussed with the parent/carers and Club Safeguarding Officer.

Communication

Club communications with junior players will follow the Club's Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy.

Private one-to-one communication between an adult volunteer and a child should be avoided.



Parents/carers should be included within communications where appropriate.

Photography and Livestreaming

Parents/carers must respect the Club's Photography, Video and Live Streaming Policy and any restrictions relating to particular children.

Images of children should never be accompanied by inappropriate personal information.

Open-Age Cricket

Where a junior is eligible to participate in open-age cricket, the applicable ECB regulations and Club safeguarding procedures will be followed.

Appropriate parental/carers consent will be obtained.

Concerns

Safeguarding concerns should be raised directly with the Club Safeguarding Officer.

Playing or coaching concerns should normally be raised with the relevant coach or Junior Cricket Lead at an appropriate time rather than during a match or training session.

Breaches

Persistent or serious breaches by a junior, parent, carer or spectator may result in action under the Club's disciplinary procedures and, where necessary, safeguarding procedures.

Where the person concerned is a Club member and the matter results in formal disciplinary action, the Club's Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure and section 8 of the Constitution will apply.

Where the issue concerns safeguarding, safeguarding procedures take precedence.