



VENTNOR CRICKET CLUB

Coaches: Code of Conduct

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Introduction

Cricket coaches play a crucial role in the development of the game and in the lives of the players they coach. Good cricket coaches ensure that individuals in cricket have positive experiences and are, therefore, more likely to continue their participation in the game and to achieve their potential.

Coaching, as an emerging profession, must demonstrate at all levels a high degree of honesty, integrity and competence. The need for cricket coaches to understand and act on their responsibilities is of critical importance to the game, as is the concept of participation for fun and enjoyment, as well as achievement.

This is implicit within good coaching practice and promotes a professional image of the good practitioner.

Implementation Issues

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards that coaches are required to meet.

It reflects **BEST PRACTICE** in coaching across the broadest spectrum of roles and responsibilities. Further, the ECB (England & Wales Cricket Board) recognises that the extent to which coaches are required to comply with the content of this code may be considered by reference to the nature of the coaching role. All coaches holding recognised ECB qualifications are required to abide by this code.

This code:

- is a constituent part of a policy and procedure for dealing with allegations and complaints
- is used as the definitive guide and benchmark measure of coaching practice in determining any need for sanctions against a coach
- is fully integrated into the cricket and coach education process.

Key Principles

Good cricket coaching practice needs to reflect the following key principles:

1. Rights: cricket coaches must respect and champion the rights of every individual to participate in the game.
2. Relationships: cricket coaches must develop a professional relationship with players (and others) based on openness, honesty, mutual trust and respect.
3. Responsibilities - personal standard: cricket coaches must demonstrate proper personal behaviour and conduct at all times.
4. Responsibilities - professional standards: to maximise the benefits and minimise the risks to players, coaches must attain a high level of competence through appropriate qualifications and a commitment to ongoing training that ensures safe and correct practice; is assessed as part of the cricket coach accreditation process; is supported by the appropriate training and resources.

Sports Coach UK has developed a suite of training resources that underpin many of the concepts contained within this Code of Conduct. These include:

- Safeguarding and Protecting Children (formerly Good Practice and Child Protection)
- Equity in Your Coaching.

Chair _____ Secretary_____

Safeguarding Officer_____

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