



Ferring Cricket Club

MEMBERS' CHARTER

The Members' Charter has been prepared to ensure that all sporting activities at Ferring Cricket Club (FCC) are conducted fairly, sensibly and enjoyably. It is expected that everyone connected with FCC, member, player, parent or spectator, will adhere to the guidelines set out in this Charter.

- At all times act in a manner consistent with the spirit of the game and the reputation of FCC
- Adhere to the FCC Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket
- Treat others as you would expect to be treated yourself
- Respect fellow members, officials, opposing players and spectators
- Respect decisions made by umpires
- Look after Club equipment and facilities as if it was your own

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of Ferring Cricket Club you will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination, if witnessed
- Display high standards of behaviour
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket, e.g. fair play
- Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of umpires
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with umpires
- Recognise good performance not just match results
- Place the well-being and safety of young people above the development of performance
- Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual
- Respect young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket
- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued
- Report any concerns in relation to a young person following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with young people at the Club.

SPIRIT OF CRICKET

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Players' conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of unfair play.

The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- time wasting
- damaging the pitch
- dangerous or unfair bowling
- tampering with the ball
- any other action that they consider to be unfair

The Spirit of the Game involves respect for:

- your opponents
- your own captains
- the roles of the umpires
- the game's traditional values

It is against the Spirit of the Game to:

- dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
 - b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.

Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play or within the cricket ground generally.

Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.