



## **Code of Conduct for Cricket Club Members and Guests<sup>1</sup>**

***"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". (MCC, Spirit of Cricket)***

Members and Guests of the Cryptics Cricket Club are required to abide by the provisions of this Code of Conduct and any subsequent updates as may be in force from time to time, and by their presence at Club fixtures or events are deemed to have accepted and to abide by the provisions of this Code and any other relevant Codes of Conduct, Rules or Regulations the Club has adopted.

All Members and Guests of the Cryptics Cricket Club 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 match officials

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<sup>1</sup> Members and Guests include all members and officers of the Club and all guests of those members and officers, as well as all individuals who watch/attend/participate/officiate in matches hosted by the Club in whatever capacity

- ❖ Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials
- ❖ Recognise good performance not just match results
- ❖ Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual
- ❖ Respect children's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket whilst actively working with children playing for the Club.
- ❖ Not provide children with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club
- ❖ Report any concerns in relation to a child, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB
- ❖ In addition to the above, selected Club members<sup>2</sup> will:
  - Have been appropriately vetted, if required, before taking on their role
  - Know and understand the ECB's "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding and Protecting Children"
  - Attend appropriate training to keep up to date with their role, especially that relating to the Safeguarding of children

If a breach of the provisions or principles of this Code occurs or is reasonably suspected to have occurred the Club reserves the right to take such action as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to asking the person responsible for the breach to leave the Club. Any disciplinary or complaint hearings in connection with a breach of these rules shall be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedure as set out in the Club constitution as may be amended from time to time.

Adopted: 23/03/2019

1<sup>st</sup> Review:

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<sup>2</sup> Selected Club member include, but may not be limited to, Club Officers engaged in Safeguarding principles and Match Managers