

Hounslow and Whitton Cricket Club

Code of Conduct for Members*, Coaches, Managers, Supporters and Volunteers

All Hounslow & Whitton Cricket Club we:

Follow the specific Covid guidance as issued by the UK Government, ECB, Middlesex and HWCC.

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.

Do not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed.

Display high standards of behaviour at all time.

Promote the positive aspects of cricket, e.g. Spirit of Cricket & fair play

Encourage all participants to learn the rules, play within them and always respect the decisions of match officials.

Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials.

Emphasise good performance; not just match results.

Place the wellbeing and safety of all our people, especially young people above the development of performance.

Ensure the 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.

Not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with young people in the club.

Not provide young people with alcohol, nicotine or banned substances.

Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance as stated in the Hounslow & Whitton CC and ECB Clubmark Accreditation

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Always work in an open environment, i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations, and encourage an open environment.

Inform players, parents, and carers of the requirements of cricket.

Develop an appropriate working relationship with young players, based on mutual trust and respect.

Ensure that physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the young player's full consent and approval.

Do not engage in any form of sexually related contact, gestures, or terms with a young player. Hounslow & Whitton CC adopts the Home Office guidelines which recommends the principle – “People in positions of trust and authority do not have sexual relationships with 16-17 year olds in their care”.

Attend appropriate training & maintain accreditation to keep up to date with their role and especially with respect to the safeguarding of young people.

Inform Staff, coaches & volunteers that they cannot direct message anyone under 18 years old via email, text, or social media platforms. Messages should be directed to the parents AND the young person or via open forums with appropriate language & content.

Direct Hounslow & Whitton Cricket coaches, managers & volunteers that they should not link with players u18 years of age involved in Hounslow & Whitton Cricket via social network platforms, online media, or gaming.

Know, understand & follow the ECB guidelines set out in “Safe Hands – Cricket's policy for Safeguarding Children” and any other Middlesex guidelines issued in relation to safeguarding.

Report any concerns in relation to a young person to our welfare officer:

info@hounslowwhittoncc.co.uk

Report any concerns in relation to Hounslow & Whitton staff, coaches, managers, or volunteers immediately to:

John Collis, Chair, chair@hounslowwhittoncc.co.uk 07956 328897

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Coaches & Employees with Junior Coaching Responsibilities Require the following:

Relevant coaching qualification for the player, environment & role.

Current Disclosure & Barring System (DBS) vetting check – cricket specific

Current Safeguarding & Protecting Children certificate

Active member of the ECBCA or appropriate insurance

Current First Aid Certificate (which includes emergency aid)

Junior Managers, Junior Co-ordinators & Junior Supervisors: Require the following:

Current Disclosure & Barring System (DBS) vetting check – cricket specific

Current Safeguarding & Protecting Children certificate

Current First Aid Certificate (which includes emergency aid)

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