

Code of Conduct for Bowdon Vale Cricket Club Members and Guests*

General Behaviour

- It is not acceptable behaviour to verbally abuse or sledge the opposition.
- It is not acceptable behaviour to encourage poor performance, for example, short pitched or over pitched bowling.
- It is not acceptable behaviour to make unnecessary noise upon the dismissal of an opponent.
- When fielding, team members should applaud the opposition from the field of play.
- When batting, team members should applaud the opposition from the field of play.

Mobile Phones

- Due to the development of cameras in mobile phones it is no longer possible to allow them in the dressing room.
- During home matches, mobile phones can be locked in the club safe or given to the scorer for safekeeping.
- During away matches, the club suggests locking them in a car within view of the ground or giving them to the scorer in a valuables bag for safekeeping

Language or behaviour likely to cause offence

- Foul, abusive, racist, sexist language or behaviour which is likely to cause offence to other members, spectators, opposition or umpires is not to be tolerated in the bar, spectator area, nets or on the field of play. If you suspect what you are about to say may be offensive, then don't say it.

Behaviour which may result in disciplinary action from the committee.

- The constitution states "Behaviour which could bring the club or sport into disrepute will bring disciplinary action"
- For clarity, this includes but is not exclusive to: theft, threatening behaviour, assault, bullying, intentional damage to property or personal belongings, substance abuse, inappropriate use of social media. Any illegal activity, except driving offences.

*Members and Guests include all members and officers of the Cricket 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

By signing the membership application form, you are confirming you are familiar with this Code of Conduct and will adhere to it.

All Members and Guests of *Bowdon Vale 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
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials
- 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
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with young people in the Club.
- Not provide young people with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club
- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket's 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
- In addition to the above, all Club Officers and appointed volunteers will:
 - Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance
 - Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment)
 - Inform Players and Parents of the requirements of Cricket
 - Know and understand ECB's "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' and any other relevant guidelines issued