



# Henfield Cricket Club

## *Code of Conduct and Safety Rules for Young Players*

We are committed to ensuring that all young people who play cricket with us have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Cricket is a wonderful and historic game with traditions of fair-play and conduct that are unsurpassed in sport. As a young player, you have responsibility to make sure that you show respect and good behaviour at all times when representing the Club.

### **Dos and Don'ts:**

- **Learn the Laws** of cricket and play within them.
- **Always play fair:** recognise and applaud good performance both in your own team and the opposition.
- **Respect and encourage your team-mates;** do what you can to build a strong team.
- **Respect your coaches,** team-managers, helpers and senior players by always listening and following instructions. It is disrespectful to do anything except listen when your coach or an adult is speaking.
- **Do not ever argue with umpires, or officials.** Always accept the umpire's decision and leave the field with good grace.
- **Never show any dissent,** which includes throwing your equipment down because you are cross with yourself for getting out.

### **Safety Rules**

- **Be a cricketer:** wear appropriate sports clothing for training (cricket shirt if you can) and full whites for matches. It is neither appropriate nor safe to take part in sport wearing casual clothes.
- **Always wear protective clothing:** a helmet, protective box (for boys), batting gloves, pads and a thigh-pad when practising or playing with a hard cricket ball.
  - **You will not be allowed to play or practice without these.**
  - **This applies at all times,** including when you are playing on the Common in your own time.
  - **Boxer shorts:** you must not wear boxers for play or practice. They may be cool, but your protector will fall out of them!
- Get to know which areas of the pavilion and grounds are out of bounds: don't go there.
- At organized training sessions, wait for your coach or team manager's instructions before using any cricket equipment, **especially cricket balls**, and always follow their safety instructions. A qualified coach must be in attendance for hard-ball practice.

### **And Finally**

- It is strictly illegal for young people to smoke or to consume alcohol at any time on Club premises, or whilst representing the Club.
- Be proud of your Club. Represent Henfield Cricket Club positively wherever you go.

