



CLUB RULES AND SAFETY POLICY

General Rules

- All players are reminded that **wickets should be respected at all times**, including practice evenings. Please consult the groundsman, captains or any other member of the committee if you are unsure which wicket may be used.
- Any Club Member is permitted to use the **nets for practice** at any reasonable time of the day on the condition that the ground is left in good condition and that the gates are closed. The Club does not accept responsibility for those using the nets/ground whilst unsupervised.
- **Helmets are to be worn in the nets by ALL players** when batting, whether junior or senior. Senior players are expected to set an example in this regard.
- The landlord requests that the **verges are not used for parking**. There is limited parking at the ground but the field at the bottom may be used. Cars are parked at owners' risk.
- **Young children** not taking part in practice sessions should be kept off the playing field at all times.
- **Well behaved dogs** may be brought to the ground as long as they are kept under control and on a lead at all times. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure they clean up after their dog. **Please do not allow dogs into the Pavilion when food is being served.**
- Please **return all glasses to the bar** after use, and do not leave them on the field where they represent a considerable risk to players and children alike.
- **Smoking** is forbidden in the Pavilion at all times. Cigarette ends must be deposited in the bin provided at the front of the Pavilion and NOT thrown on the ground.
- The Committee reserves the right to refuse admittance to the ground to those whose **behaviour and/or language** is deemed unacceptable. The Club Committee may refuse membership or remove it, for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or cricket into disrepute. In the event of membership removal, membership fees paid shall be non-refundable.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the Club rules and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these rules and any Policies or Codes of Conduct that the Club has adopted.

Club Changing Policy

For players under the age of 18 playing in adult teams the following policy applies:

- Young players uncomfortable with changing or showering with adults are under no obligation to do so and are advised to change and shower at home.
- Parental consent must be given if young players are to share changing facilities with adults, this may be given verbally to the Captain or in writing
- If young players are sharing changing facilities with adults, parents have the option to supervise them whilst they are changing. The Club will make reasonable efforts to arrange this

Transport to matches and practice sessions

Winchcombe Cricket Club policy is that parents or other responsible adults are responsible for transporting players to and from all matches and practice sessions and therefore the Club will not be registering Private Vehicles for the transportation of individuals in connection with any fixtures or practice sessions arranged by the Club. The implementation of this policy is not intended to exclude any player from participation and parents or guardians should contact the Club Welfare Officer(s) if they have any problems with the transportation of players to matches or practice sessions.

Use of protective equipment

- helmets with a faceguard or grille should be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions
- young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) 19
- young wicket keepers should wear a helmet with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector when standing up to the stumps. With the assistance of schools, cricket clubs and leagues, the wearing of helmets by young players is now standard practice in cricket throughout England and Wales. Helmets are widely available and are covered by a British Standard (BS7928:2013). A face protector represents an alternative head protection system for young wicket keepers.

Youth members will be required to wear a helmet (with a faceguard) when batting or keeping wicket, in training and youth team matches, when a hard ball is used. All players who have not reached their 18th birthday must wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket. **Parental consent not to wear a helmet in adult matches will not be accepted at Winchcombe Cricket Club.** A young player acting as a runner must also wear a helmet even if the player he is running for is not doing so. We regret that the Club is unable to lend helmets to junior players. *This guidance is taken from the 2013 Non First Class Rules and Regulations, and can be downloaded as a PDF on the ECB website. Please see www.ecb.co.uk for up to date information.*

Image usage consent

Winchcombe Cricket Club recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all Young People in Cricket. As part of this commitment we will not permit photographs, video images or other images of Young People to be taken or used without the consent of the Parent/Guardian and the Young Player. Winchcombe Cricket Club follows the guidance issued in 'Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket' on the use of images of Young People which is available at <http://www.ecb.co.uk/safehands>. The Club will take steps to ensure that these images are used solely for the purpose they are intended, which is the promotion and celebration of cricketing activities. If photographs e.g. team or action shots, are submitted to the Press or in our handbook individuals will not ordinarily be identified.

The Club understands that there are circumstances under which a parent would not wish their child to be photographed. **Whilst the Club will do all that it can to ensure the safety of children during photographed events, it is the responsibility of the parent concerned to ensure that if their child is not to be photographed and partakes in an activity and is by the nature of the activity inadvertently photographed or filmed, Winchcombe Cricket Club cannot be held responsible.**