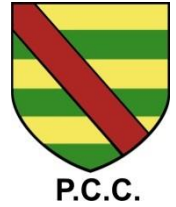




POYNINGS CRICKET CLUB



Enjoyment - Respect - Participation

Affiliated to the Dean Wilson Sussex Cricket League

Code of Conduct

Introduction:

Poynings Cricket Club (PCC) is committed to promoting a positive, inclusive, and respectful environment for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators. Our Code of Conduct ensures that cricket is played in the spirit of the game and in accordance with the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect. All members and affiliates of PCC are expected to adhere to the following standards of behaviour, both on and off the field.

1. General Conduct

- **Respect for Others:** All members of PCC must show respect towards teammates, opponents, match officials, coaches, and spectators, both in speech and actions. Abusive, discriminatory, or offensive language or behaviour will not be tolerated.
- **Sportsmanship:** All players must uphold the spirit of the game, showing fairness and integrity in both victory and defeat.
- **Inclusivity:** We promote inclusivity and reject all forms of discrimination based on race, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, or religion. Everyone is welcome at PCC.
- **Punctuality:** Players are expected to arrive on time for matches, training, and any club events. Promptness reflects respect for the team and the game.

2. Matchday Conduct

- **Respect for Umpires and Officials:** Decisions made by umpires or officials must be always respected, without dispute or argument. Questioning or dissent towards their decisions is unacceptable.
- **Fair Play:** All matches should be played according to the rules and in the spirit of friendly competition. Any form of cheating, intentional misconduct, or unsportsmanlike behaviour is prohibited.
- **Personal Behaviour:** Players must refrain from aggressive behaviour, sledging, or any form of harassment towards opponents, teammates, or match officials.
- **Dress Code:** Players should always wear the official Poynings CC kit during matches and maintain a neat and professional appearance on the field.
- **Health and Safety:** Players must ensure that they maintain fitness levels that allow them to participate safely and responsibly. Safety equipment, including helmets and protective gear, should be worn as required.

3. Club Representation

- **Club Image:** All members represent Poynings CC both on and off the field. Whether in a formal club setting or in social media posts, members are expected to act in a way that reflects positively on the club.
- **Social Media Conduct:** Members are advised to use social media responsibly. Negative, abusive, or inappropriate comments about other teams, players, officials, or the Sussex Cricket League are unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- **Support for Team Members:** Players are encouraged to support their teammates, both in performances on the field and in personal growth off the field. Creating a positive, welcoming environment is a core value of the club.

4. Club Property and Facilities

- **Care for Equipment:** All players are expected to take care of club equipment, facilities, and grounds. Any damage caused to equipment or property, whether intentional or through neglect, should be reported and may result in penalties.
- **Cleanliness:** Players are responsible for maintaining cleanliness in changing rooms and communal areas before leaving the facility.
- **Respect for Facilities:** Whether at home or away games, members should show respect for all facilities and grounds used. This includes ensuring rubbish is disposed of properly and leaving facilities as they were found.

5. Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Use

- **Alcohol:** While socialising is part of club culture, the consumption of alcohol should be done responsibly. Players must not be under the influence of alcohol during matches or training sessions.
- **Smoking/Vaping:** Smoking is not permitted on the playing field or in enclosed areas of the club. Members who smoke must do so in designated area away from the playing.
- **Substance Abuse:** The use of illegal substances is always forbidden. Any member found using or possessing illegal substances will face disciplinary action.

6. Finance

- **Annual Subscriptions** - Players should pay Annual Club Subscription by May 1st or in advance of the first league match whichever comes sooner. Club officers should not have to chase for payment. Paying Club Subscription gives you membership rights and provides you with insurance whilst playing. Payment arrears may result in non-selection for matches.
- **Match Fees** - Players should pay promptly following their participation in any match and without chasing by captains or club officials. This should be done via Spond or Bank transfer. Payment arrears may result in non-selection for matches.
- **100 Club** – Players / members are encouraged to join the 100 club as it creates a source of revenue that keeps the club financially sustainable.
- **It is expected that all Match fees and Annual Subscriptions payments are made via SPOND for playing members.** If alternative method is used this needs to be agreed by the management committee.

7. Disciplinary Action

Any breach of this Code of Conduct will be addressed by the Poynings CC Committee. The following actions may be taken based on the severity of the offense:

- **Verbal Warning**
- **Written Warning**
- **Suspension from Matches or Training**
- **Expulsion from the Club**

Should a club member wish to report a breach then please do so via email to the Club Secretary who will share it with the management committee.

8. Commitment to Improvement

Poynings CC encourages feedback and suggestions from its members to help improve the club's environment and maintain high standards of conduct. Any concerns should be raised with the club's committee or safeguarding officer in a confidential and respectful manner.

Conclusion

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, all members of Poynings Cricket Club contribute to a positive, respectful, and enjoyable cricketing experience. Let us uphold the traditions of cricket, support each other, and ensure that Poynings CC remains a proud representative of the Sussex Cricket League.

Signed:

Poynings Cricket Club Committee

Date: Jan 2025