

# The Game of Cricket - Preamble to the Laws



*Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.*

1. There are two Laws which place responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

## Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

## Player's conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

## 2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

## 3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

## 4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain
- The roles of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

## 5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
  - (a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
  - (b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
  - (c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

## 6. Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

## 7. Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.



# Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club

## ***The Spirit of Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club - our Code of Conduct for Players, Members and Spectators...***

*Established over 100 years ago, Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club has a tradition built upon strong principles established by its members.*

The Club's passion and purpose have ensured that it has rightly become a 'Focus Club' within the region providing unrivalled facilities for players, members and spectators young and old. The aim is to ensure that it will continue to thrive and progress for years to come so that future generations may continue to enjoy what we enjoy today.

It is therefore important for all to abide by and embrace, "The Spirit of Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club":

Players, Members and Spectators should:

- Treat all equally without discrimination on the grounds of either gender, age, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class, social background, sexual preference or political belief
- Display high standards of behaviour at all times within the Clubhouse and general confines of the Club
- Respect the environment of Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club by acting responsibly to help maintain its general appearance
- Respect and support those working to promote, manage and maintain the Club whether employees or volunteer personnel
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket at all times
- Encourage all participants to learn the Laws of Cricket and play within them, always respecting the decisions of match officials
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials
- Recognise good sporting performance and not simply match results

Where a player, member or spectator clearly acts in an unacceptable manner at the Club, appropriate disciplinary steps may be taken.

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## ***“The Spirit of Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club”***

The Club's Junior Section has run successfully for a number of years with coaches ensuring a fine balance between developing talent to represent senior sides in later years whilst ensuring an environment of 'cricket for all', whatever an individual's standard.

Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for juniors to participate in at all times. The Club believes it important that members, coaches, administrators and parents / guardians associated with it show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others at all times

### **As a Junior Member of Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club:**

- Members should respect the aims and principles of the Club at all times
- Members should play and operate within the rules of cricket and of the Club and respect officials and their decisions
- Members must respect the rights and backgrounds of others
- Suitable clothing and kit should be worn at all times
- Members should keep to agreed timings, advising organisers / coaches of delay or unavailability
- Appropriate fees must be paid at all times

Members are encouraged to be open and honest at all times and a Junior Welfare Officer is available to share any complaints or concerns.

Chester Boughton Hall CC is proud to have achieved 'Clubmark' status which was first accredited to it in 2004. In line with this, the Club has a 'Cricket Charter' which may be accessed via the Club's website.

