

Notes for Parents/Guardians

COACHES & MANAGERS

All Sherston Magna CC junior coaches and team managers (qualified or unqualified) have completed a DBS check.

All club members who have regular contact with children have also had a DBS check.

TEAM EXPECTATIONS

This cricket club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect, be encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the Team Manager/Coach.

You are expected to abide by the general rules of the club, our Code of Conduct for Cricketers and by the following rules.

1. All members must play cricket within the laws and in the spirit of the game.
2. All members must respect colleagues, opponents and officials. Do not make derogatory comments or gestures about your colleagues or opponents. Never try to intimidate the opposition by threats or excessive triumphalism.
3. Be polite to umpires and respect their decisions. **Do not show dissent!** Do not throw tantrums or cricket bats. Such behavior invites sanctions from club officials.
4. Members should keep to agreed timings for practice and matches or inform their coach or team manager at the earliest possible opportunity if they cannot play or are going to be late.
5. All members must wear the appropriate kit – properly! Cricket whites / club shirts and suitable trainers or cricket shoes should be worn for matches but tracksuits are permitted for practicing.
6. **All players under the age of 18 years must wear helmets when batting and when standing up to the stumps when wicket keeping.**

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. Encourage your child to learn the laws of the game and to play within the spirit of those laws.
2. Discourage unfair play and disputes with officials/coaches.
3. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
4. Never force your child to take part in any sport.
5. Set a good example by recognising fair play and by applauding the good performances of all.
6. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
7. Publicly accept the judgment of officials without argument or comment.
8. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy cricket and to develop within it.
9. Use correct and proper language at all times.
10. Do not forget, children are involved in organised sport for **their** enjoyment and **not yours**.

The club has issued guidelines for changing as it affects junior members. These guidelines are shown in section below.

CHILD WELFARE AND THE CLUB'S CHILD WELFARE OFFICER

The Club has now adopted the ECB Child Welfare Policy, a copy of which is kept by the Club's Child Welfare Officer or can be found on the ECB website. This application form is being used to ensure that all relevant areas of the policy are being addressed – after completion could you return parts 1, 2, 3 & 4 to Pauline Smith and retain parts 5 and 6.

The Welfare Officer is: **Mr. John Matthews**
The Main House
Pinkney Park
Pinkney
SN16 0NX
Email: office@pinkneypark.co.uk
Phone: 01666 840257

The Team Manager/Coach will:

- Act as the first point of contact for the reporting of Child Welfare and Protection concerns
- Help and safeguard young people by assisting in the promotion and implementation of the Welfare of Young People Policy at a Club level
- Be a source of advice and information within the club
- Uphold confidentiality, as far as is practical in all Child Protection matters
- Liaise with the Club Welfare Officer when appropriate, with the Club Welfare Officer liaising with the County Welfare Officer if necessary.

GUIDELINES FOR CLUB CHANGING POLICY

The club has applied the following guidelines, which apply to Adults and Young People (under the age of 16) sharing changing facilities-

1. Adults should try to change and shower at separate times to Young Players
2. If Adults and Young Players need to share a changing facility, the Club must have consent from the Parents that their child/children can share a changing room with adults in the club
3. If Young people are uncomfortable changing or showering with Adults, no pressure should be placed on them to do so. Encourage them to do this at home.

SEX DISCRIMINATION

Sherston Magna Cricket Club does not discriminate between boys and girls. All junior members are treated equally, and team selections are based on ability. However, the GCCC currently allows girls to play 2 years below their actual age in an attempt to encourage more girls to play mixed cricket.

This means, for example, that a girl in school year 5 or 6 is still eligible to play for the Under 9 team. Where appropriate we will encourage girls to take advantage of this rule especially during the transition from soft ball to hard ball cricket.