



# England Cricket Association for the Deaf

## Code of Behaviour and Conduct for Parents and Spectators

This Code of Behaviour applies to all parents and spectators involved in cricket

Although the emphasis of this code is on young people, this is not exclusive to young people's activity and it is recognised that parents and spectators will also be present at senior games.

In order to protect the reputation of cricket in England, the code also applies to all those associated with the ECAD who are involved in cricket whilst outside of England

### 1. EXPECTED MINIMUM STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT

All such individuals involved in cricket will, at all times:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed
- Encourage all participants to learn the laws and rules and play within them
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket, for example fair play
- Focus on the young people's efforts, performance and enjoyment rather than winning or losing
- Teach young people that honest effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment
- Remember that people learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful play by all participants
- Encourage people always to settle disagreements amicably without resorting to hostility or violence
- Respect the decision of match officials and teach young people to do the same
- Leave the coach to communicate with individual players on the field of play
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches and administrators – their efforts contribute hugely to young people being able to participate
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others
- Inform the team coach, manager, captain or, if there is one, another member of a management team of any new or changed injury, health or welfare issue which they consider is appropriate for them to know

Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment not yours
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour
- Never ridicule or admonish a young person for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures
- Support all efforts to remove bad or abusive language and unsporting behaviour