

Jersey Cricket Board Code of Conduct for Children and Young People

The Jersey Cricket Board (JCB) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The JCB believes that it is important that volunteers, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the JCB should always show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, we encourage an open culture where any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the JCB are shared. Sport should be a positive experience for children and young people where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment. The Jersey Cricket Board expects children and young people under the age of 18 to abide by the following junior code of practice:

Children and young people are expected to:

- Be loyal and give their friends a second chance
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new players
- Be supportive and committed to other players, offer comfort when required
- Keep themselves safe
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations
- Play fairly and be trustworthy
- The Spirit of the Laws of the game must be followed at all times. The Captain has a special responsibility in this regard as far as players are concerned
- Conduct on the field and at intervals should be courteous, respecting opponents, umpires and other officials
- Inform team managers as soon as possible with regard to availability
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
- Not cheat or be violent and aggressive
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach. Play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions
- Take pride in representing any team for which they are selected, showing respect to others and team spirit. Selection is something to work for and should not be taken for granted
- Take care of equipment
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late. Players are usually expected to arrive one hour before the start of a match.
- Wear suitable kit which is clean and smart at all times
- Pay any fees for training or events promptly
- Not smoke whilst representing the JCB
- Not consume alcohol during their time with teams or drugs at any time. Players breaking this guideline will be sent home immediately and parents will be liable for any additional costs incurred

Children / Young People have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity
- Be listened to
- Be respected and treated fairly
- Privacy
- Enjoy their sport in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help
- Have any concerns taken seriously and acted on

Any minor misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the coach and reported verbally to the designated person. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in disciplinary action and potentially exclusion from JCB activities. **Parents will be informed at all stages.**

Disciplinary action can be appealed to the coach with final decisions taken by the Chief Executive Officer or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.