

**NON-NEGOTIABLE
STANDARDS OF
BEHAVIOUR IN ALL
SCHOOL AND UNDER 15
AGE GROUP CRICKET**



**Play Hard,
Play Fair**
and Stay in the Game

It is **UNACCEPTABLE** to:

- 1) Dispute a decision by an umpire by word, action or gesture.
- 2) Abuse equipment or the pitch.
- 3) Use abusive language towards an opponent.
- 4) Deliberately bowl fast high full pitched balls.
- 5) Deliberately attempt to distract the striker by word, action or gesture.
- 6) Advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

It is expected that in the event of an occurrence of any of the above, the following will take place:

- a) The umpires will verbally report the incident to the team manager, coach or master in charge who will take action (see below).

or

- b) In the event of the umpires not hearing or observing the incident, **EITHER** the team manager, coach or master in charge can advise that action is required.

ACTIONS:

- Within 24 hours of the incident, the umpire or reporting manager, coach or master in charge to advise the relevant organising body:
 - ECB Competitions Department - competitions@ecb.co.uk
 - Local County Board (local email address to be used)
 - HMC Schools Cricket Committee - schoolscricketonline@yahoo.co.uk
 - ESCA Committee (General Secretary) - ken.lake@aelm.karoo.co.uk
 - If none of the above apply, then report to the nominated person named by the governing organisation of the competition.

The management of the player/team referred to in the report to:

- Advise the team captain that he/she is responsible for upholding the 'Spirit of Cricket' and **REPORT** the action taken to advise the relevant organising body:
 - ECB Competitions Department and the appropriate High Performance Manager within the County - competitions@ecb.co.uk
 - County Board (local email address to be used)
 - HMC Schools Cricket Committee - schoolscricketonline@yahoo.co.uk
 - ESCA Committee (General Secretary) - ken.lake@aelm.karoo.co.uk
 - If none of the above apply, then report to the nominated person in the governing organisation of the competition.

APPLYING SANCTIONS:

- Verbally advise the player/players that a breach of the 'Spirit of Cricket' had been observed and that appropriate persons have been notified.
- **IN ALL CASES, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ISSUING OF A FINAL WARNING OR OMISSION FROM NEXT MATCH OR MATCHES.**

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