

# Northwood Cricket Club

## Code of Conduct for Youth Section Members



Northwood Cricket Club seeks to provide an enjoyable and safe cricket experience to all Youth Section members. Coaches will use the best of their abilities to create a positive environment where young members can enjoy themselves and safely develop their cricketing abilities to the maximum. This can only happen if young members, supported by their parents/guardians and friends, exercise respect for coaches, sporting colleagues, opponents, officials and facilities.

All Northwood Cricket Club Youth Section members are therefore expected to follow the guidelines set out below

- All members must play within the rules and respect and comply with the instructions of coaches and the decisions of officials.
  - Every umpire's decision must be accepted, instantly, and the game continued immediately with any bad feeling cast aside
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion
  - Comments which are in any way derogatory to the skill, appearance or demeanour of any colleague or opposition player are totally unacceptable.
- Having made their availability known and having been selected to play in a match as a result, Youth Section Members must not subsequently cry off, except in exceptional circumstances.
  - If such circumstances do occur, the Youth Section member or his parent/guardian must make a personal telephone call to the coach or Team Manager. Crying off by text message or e-mail is unacceptable, unless previously agreed.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and matches. If they are going to be late, they must inform their Team Manager (for matches) or age group Coach (for coaching sessions)
- Members must wear the appropriate kit for training and match sessions, as indicated in Joining Instructions or by the Coach/Youth Section Manager.
- Members must pay their annual subscription and any fees for coaching or events promptly.
- Youth Section members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs whilst taking part in Northwood Cricket Club activities nor whilst representing Northwood Cricket Club in competitions, be they on club premises or elsewhere.

Youth Section Members are 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 Richard Simmonds, Club Safeguarding Officer or Keith Wallis, Youth Section Manager.

Parents/guardians wishing to video or take photographs of their son/daughter during coaching sessions or matches must first check with the Youth Section Manager or Team Manager. A check should also be made with other parents.  
If you have any concerns about photographs or videos being taken of your child's group at the Club or at matches, please inform the coach or manager immediately.

*Keith Watson*

Keith Watson, Chairman Northwood Cricket Club

26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Date