

## Marshfield Cricket Club



### Code of conduct for youth players.

We hope you will have fun playing cricket with Marshfield Cricket Club. The following code of conduct provides a basis for everyone to help maintain the high standard of their teams whilst allowing everyone involved to enjoy the game.

- 1) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket
- 2) Treat all players equally and do not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, class or social background
- 3) Display high standards of behaviour
- 4) Learn the laws and rules of cricket and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials
- 5) Play fairly, discourage unfair play and do not argue with match officials
- 6) Recognise good performance and not just match results
- 7) Encourage members of your team and do not sledge the opposition.
- 8) Cricket is a team game: play your best for the benefit of the team but not for individual glory at the expense of the team's overall result.
- 9) Help your captain with his/her game-plan. Remember that batting order, bowling order and fielding positions are his/her responsibility. Although he may welcome advice, do not make his job more difficult by insisting on, *eg*, a batting position or over-riding his decisions.
- 10) Do your best to improve your skills at the practice sessions. Remember that you are here to have fun **playing cricket** not other sports or distractions.
- 11) Respect your coach and any helpers, they are here to help you in your game.
- 12) Look after equipment and facilities. The Groundsperson spends a lot of time and effort preparing the pitch; treat it properly. Likewise, the club spends a lot of money on the communal kit; look after it and return it after the match or training session.

Further information regarding ECB guidelines & directives, i.e. ECB Safe Hands Guidance for Child Protection, can be found via the MCC website; [www.marshfieldcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.marshfieldcricketclub.co.uk)