



British Association For Cricketers with Disabilities (BACD)

CODE OF CONDUCT

Each player involved in the BACD National Championship has the potential to become a cricketer at the very highest level of the game.

Both the player and the players parents/guardian (where appropriate) understand that BACD, in association with England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and its affiliated County Boards, is committed to the well being of the player, future development and realisation of potential, but that the level of achievement ultimately reached cannot be guaranteed. However, achievement will be more likely with the co-operation of all parties involved.

BACD pledges to promote the following as a minimum standard to be adhered to across all forms of the game that are conducted under its name:

- A safe environment where players can learn and develop without fear of abuse
- Trained and qualified coaches and staff present at all fixtures with facilities equipped to host disability 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
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket

The following Code of Conduct must be adhered to at all times by all players and officials representing the BACD and their County/Club throughout the entirety of any tournament or event that falls under the BACD banner.

Players agree to:

Field Of Play

- All players to wear clean and pressed kit at all matches
- Shirts are to be tucked into trousers throughout the entire match
- Abide by the Spirit of the game and by the laws of cricket
- Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated at any time
- Accept the umpire's decision at all times, dissent is unacceptable at any time, regardless of the situation
- Respect your team mates and the opposition at all times
- Respect your kit and the kit of all other players, coaches and officials
- Not to attempt to gain advantage by acts of gamesmanship or aggressive behaviour
- Raise all disputes to the manager, coach and captain. Disputes should NOT be aired on the field of play
- Report any injuries IMMEDIATELY to the manager or coach
- Carry all required medication and have full emergency contact details available to management team or officials
- Play cricket in a competitive manner but maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship throughout the entirety of the game
- Accept victory and defeat with dignity and grace
- Play with pride, we play to win but we will respect the spirit of the game and our conduct will reflect this. To be a champion, we must behave like champions.
- Respect the venue. All litter must be disposed of appropriately and changing facilities will be left in good order after all matches
- Players are responsible for their own kit; you must endeavour to take all your belongings with you after each match
- Maintain the highest standards of conduct. Any serious breaches of this code of conduct may result in suspension from one or more matches. More serious breaches may result in expulsion from future BACD affiliated fixtures. It is expected that players show pride and respect for the duration of the tournament and most of all, players should enjoy their cricket to the maximum
- Remember playing cricket is fun and is to be enjoyed – do not do it simply to please parents, coaches or any other official or carer

Managers/Officials/Parents/Guardian/Carers agree to:

- Encourage and help all players to achieve their personal and team goals, including abiding by this code of conduct
- Support all players without pressure, praise good practice and refrain from criticising lapses in a negative manner
- Set good examples for players to follow
- Respect the players wishes with regard to personal privacy
- Agree for relevant medical information to be shared where appropriate
- Communicate with each other and the player with regards to matters affecting the player, particularly about how the players disability affects him/her

General Information/ Minimum Standards for Managers/ Officials:

Selection

All teams will be selected by the manager and coach in accordance to County/Club policy. Managers/Coaches are urged to ensure players understand that even if they are not part of the selected XI, they still have a huge part to play as part of a squad where they can continue to learn and develop as cricketers.

Safety

All BACD hardball tournaments fully endorse the ECB's safety guidelines on the wearing of cricket helmets by young players and, as such, a young player will not be allowed to bat or stand up to the stumps when keeping wicket in any tournament match or practise session unless he/she wears a cricket helmet. In reference to Incrediball events, permission must be obtained from the player's parent/guardian should the player not wish to wear a helmet.

Abdominal guards must be worn by all players under the age of eighteen regardless of the type of ball being used.

Also, normal BACD regulations regarding fielding positions will be in place.

It is the player's responsibility to ensure he is wearing the correct personal protective equipment, player's safety is paramount, do not take it lightly.

Kit

It is the player's responsibility to provide all kit for the scheduled matches. All kit must be in good order and clean before the commencement of all matches. Managers are to ensure that all players enter the field of play wearing the correct PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

Nutrition/Hydration

It is essential that all players eat sensibly and are fully hydrated before, during and after all matches. Cricket teas will be provided throughout the tournament and drinks will be available during the matches. Please ensure players look after their bodies and consume the correct nutrients and fluids to ensure maximum performance.

Managers are reminded that they have a duty of care to all players involved and must act with the best interests of the players in mind with regards to drinks breaks and teas.

Smoking and other Harmful Substances

Players will observe the rules of the chosen venue with regards to smoking.

All players and officials will refrain from smoking during match times. This includes change of innings and any interruptions to play. Smoking is strictly prohibited from the field of play and surrounding areas.

Possession or use of any prohibited drug/substance is strictly forbidden and will not be tolerated at any level of the game.

Should anyone be found breaking this rule, their suitability for future participation in BACD affiliated fixtures/events will be called into question.

Alcohol

All players and officials must observe the notices throughout the chosen venue with regards to the consumption of alcohol.

BACD does not promote or condone the consumption of alcohol prior to, or during game times, including change of innings, drink breaks, etc.

Players must be made aware that should the Manager / Coach suspect a player of being under the influence of Alcohol both prior to or during the match, they reserve the right to withdraw that player from all participation in the game based on the duty of care to both the player him/herself and the welfare of the fellow players.

**Please remember, we only have
one chance to make a first impression**

***Please note that failure of a player/official to abide by
this Code of Conduct may lead to the individual not
being selected for further BACD representational
fixtures/events in future.***



MCC SPIRIT OF CRICKET

BACD embraces the MCC Spirit of Cricket and promotes it fully as a Preamble to the laws of cricket.

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

1. There are two Laws which place responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Player's conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain
- The roles of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - (a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
 - (b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - (c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

6. Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

7. Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.



We, the undersigned, agree fully to adhere to and embrace the BACD Code Of Conduct

Coach / Manager

Name

Signature

Date

Player

Name

Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian / Carer

Name

Signature

Date

Please note, all players under the age of 18 require the signature of a parent, guardian or carer to validate.