



SHENFIELD CRICKET CLUB

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PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Whilst the coaches, staff and volunteers of Shenfield Cricket Club strive to ensure the well-being of your children in providing a safe environment, the club fully acknowledge that parents are an integral part of the Colts/Club partnership, which ensures that young players enjoy their involvement in the sport and experience an atmosphere in which they can flourish.

Shenfield Cricket Club will encourage parents to:

- Be familiar with the coaching and match schedules in order that they can ensure that their child is fully involved and both the coaches and age respective team managers are aware of their availability.
- Be familiar with the teaching and coaching methods used by the club.
- Allow coaching sessions to be completed as planned – without interruption or encroach into any coaching areas, including the nets unless assisting with coaching sessions.
- Be aware that the club has a duty of care and therefore, where appropriate, assist coaches with the supervision of the young players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to transport youngsters to away games.
- Up to and including U13s, a parent or guardian will be expected to be on site at all times during training and matches.
- Be involved with club activities and share your expertise.
- Take responsibility for the behavior and safety of your child prior to and immediately after coaching sessions and matches.
- Share concerns, if you have them, with club officials.
- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when taking part in coaching sessions and matches.
- Keep winning and losing in perspective, encouraging young players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.

Young cricket players are impressionable and their behavior will often reflect that of the adults around them. At Shenfield Cricket Club, we welcome spectators on the boundary who embrace the ethos of the game as one of fun, enjoyment and skill development.

Shenfield Cricket Club will encourage spectators of Colts Cricket to:

- Act as positive role models to all young players.
- Be familiar with, and abide by, the club's child protection guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
- Remember children play sport for their enjoyment not yours.
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all youngsters irrespective of which team they play for.
- Respect the decision of the umpires. Remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for youngsters to play cricket.
- Never verbally abuse young players, match officials, fellow spectators or coaches. Such behaviour can create a negative environment for young players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than the "win at all costs" ethic.
- Verbally encourage all youngsters in a positive way. If you do want to shout make sure it is 'for', not 'at', the players.
- Condemn bad language, rude behaviour and violence.
- Encourage all youngsters irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team they play for.
- Remember - It's only a game!