

Code of Conduct

The League is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. This Code of Conduct incorporates The Spirit of Cricket, as set out below. It applies to all matches played under the auspices of BDPCL and may be applied to cricket in general.

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

Players and team officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision.

Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player or a spectator.

Players and team officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player or a spectator.

Players and team officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as "sledging") nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.

Players and team officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.

Players and team officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.

Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and umpires.

The Spirit 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 the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain. (Laws 1:4 and 42:1)

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 any player failing to comply with the instructions of an umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, 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, requesting 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 and team
- The role 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
 - i) appeal knowing the batsman is not out
 - ii) advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - iii) 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 to this.

Failure to comply with these provisions may lead to disciplinary action.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE MATCH RESULT SHEET

This form should be returned, by post, by the home team, no later than Tuesday morning, immediately after the match to Nick Archer, General Manager, BDPCL, PO Box 2481, Walsall WS1 1GF.

THIS INCLUDES ABANDONED GAMES

HOME TEAM				versus				AWAY TEAM			
DATE				TOSS WON BY							
DIVISION <small>Circle Appropriate</small>		P	1	2	3	TEAM <small>Circle Appropriate</small>		1	2		
A	B	HOME TEAM				A	B	AWAY TEAM			
		1						1			
		2						2			
		3						3			
		4						4			
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		7						7			
		8						8			
		9						9			
		10						10			
		11						11			
Scorer						Scorer					

Please mark 3 alongside the name of the Overseas Player and mark 2 alongside the name of a Contracted Player in column A.

Please mark the relevant age alongside the name of any player under 19 years old in column A.

Please mark * alongside the name of the Captain and † alongside the name of the Wicket Keeper in column B.

Please put tick if Helmet Consent Form is held by the club in column B.

The Fast Bowling Directives apply to players in the Under 19 age group and younger.

Age group is based on age at midnight on 31st August the previous year.

To be completed by the person responsible for the team and provided to the Umpires before the toss takes place:

I confirm and undertake on behalf of C.C. that:

Either - (a) There are no players under eighteen years of age in today's team

Or - (b) In line with Club policy, all players under eighteen years of age in today's team will wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting or when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket

Or - (c) The Club has received, in writing, a parental consent form allowing those players in today's team holding such consent, as shown above, to bat or stand up to the stumps when keeping wicket without wearing a helmet, and the Club accepts responsibility for accepting this consent in line with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) safety guidance

And - The ECB Fast Bowling Directives apply to the players in today's team as shown on the team sheet.

I confirm that I am an authorised signatory on behalf of the Club and that I have read and understood the ECB safety guidance and the ECB Fast Bowling Directives.

I agree that prior to the toss I have discussed with the Umpires the policy adopted by this Club with regard to the wearing of helmets and the age group of the young players taking part in the match.

The Club hereby agree to indemnify the Umpires from and against all actions, costs, claims and demands (including reasonable legal fees) and any other damage suffered or incurred arising from any confirmation contained in this document relating to the provision of parental consent forms being incorrect.

Signed

Print Name

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Print Name

Name of Umpire 1

Name of Umpire 2

Signed

Signed

Home Side Score:	for	wickets in	overs	Batting Points	Bowling Points	Draw/Tie Points	Total Points
Away Side Score:	for	wickets in	overs	Batting Points	Bowling Points	Draw/Tie Points	Total Points
Result:							

Signed (Home Captain)

Signed (Away Captain)

Print Name

Print Name