

Overarching statement

Southwick Cricket Club (“Club”) is committed to ensuring all Children (i.e. all persons under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience.

Bullying – takes many forms, every year team coaches must explain the types of bullying, where there are juniors then parents must be informed instead.

Bullying – the signs that someone is being bullied.

Coaches must be aware of reporting lines and expectation of information required.



Changing policy

Applies to adults and children:

Adults – must not shower at same time as children – captains of mixed age teams take particular note.

If adults and children share facility then the consent of the child’s guardian must be obtained and the parent must be aware of this policy.

No mobile phones in the changing rooms.

Mixed age teams – default position will be that the larger age group will shower at the facility and the smaller group will shower at home.

Managing Children on Excursions

Each trip will need to be sanctioned. Trip for these purposes does not include those arrangements made away from club premises such as matches where travel is being arranged by guardians.

Managers/Coaches of all teams that include children must tract the bullet points listed as a checklist of information to be provided to parents. Where teamer or WhatsApp/other messaging service is used this information should be included as important.

A list of all those taking part in the trip along with an assurance that the required information has been provided/collected must be provided to the Club Welfare Officer via club email address.

Should this information not be provided the trip will not be sanctioned by the club.

Colts Selection

Relevant only to Colts team manager/coaches.

Please remember the club stands by a commitment that ‘the club will do its best to ensure that all the children get an opportunity to play games’.

Be mindful in your approach to games of the bullying policy above, especially where children are consistently unkind and this is having a detrimental effect on others.

Missing Child Policy

Ensure other children are safe – is only one child missing? If possible release other children into care of parents. If no parent present child to remain with nominated adult whilst searching commences;

Obtain accurate description – wearing whites? Concentrate on shoe colour and other distinguishing features. See if anyone has a photo handy?

If immediately concerned call 999. In any case call no later than 20 mins after first report;

Inform legal guardian – ask if child has a phone, is it with child, can it be tracked? Ask if there is anything that the search team should know (recent family events/life events);

Appoint a nominated adult, if this is you who will keep contact with the guardian?

Nominated adult to co-ordinate search and act as contact point;

Cover exits as best as possible;

Follow police advice;

Be ready with the list of those children present and contact details;

Report all missing episodes, however short to the club welfare officer.

Junior Players in Adult Cricket

Captains with children in teams have additional responsibilities, they must:

Obtain informed consent of the child's guardian (informed consent will mean the parent is presented with the policy);

Obtain prior authorisation from the Club Welfare Officer;

Ensure the child is not in danger – just because they have been selected if the manner of the game presents an ongoing risk they must be withdrawn;

Inform the umpire that you have a child playing in the team, the child should be presented to the umpire for identification purposes;

Photography and Video imaging policy

All must be aware that whilst the club believes that carers should not be prevented from taking video/pictures there will be occasions when others seek to exploit this to take inappropriate images.

Concerns must be reported to a club official without delay.

No image may be posted by the club without consent of the carer.

Remember, there are some children where the publication of their image could present a danger to them.

Coaching footage will be destroyed on application or where it is no longer needed.

Concerns relating to this aspect of the policy must be reported to the club welfare officer.

Transport

Southwick Cricket Club will not be responsible for the transport of children, this must be arranged by parents.

As a coach remember it is best practice to provide the parents with accurate location detail and sufficient information so the parent can prepare for the visit/match.