



Parents & Players Code of Conduct

Above all other team games, cricket has a hard-earned and jealously protected reputation for being played, win or lose, within the boundaries of "fair play" showing at all times the highest level of sportsmanship towards your opponents and team mates. Any player representing a Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Cricket squad automatically signs up to this philosophy which is summarised by:

- Fair play, sportsmanship and respect must be shown at all times
- Gamesmanship and "sledging" are unacceptable for players
- Aggressive involvement from parents and supporters is unacceptable



Players representing Cardiff & the Vale Regional squads and their parents/guardians/supporters will abide by the following code of conduct:-

i) Selection

All matters related to selection (including Wales trials, National Development Centres and Regional squad and team selection) are the sole responsibility of the Head Coach. He or she will base their decision on subjective criteria taking into consideration a number of factors which may vary from time to time. All selection decisions must be accepted without dissent. Any complaint against selection decisions may be privately discussed with the Head Coach but it must be understood that the Head Coach's decision is final. It is a personal decision and they are charged, by the Region, with making that decision. Any appeal against a selection decision should be addressed to the Regional Committee and should only be done as a last resort, backed up with unequivocal facts. Frivolous appeals will be rejected.

ii) Team Tactics

Matters relating to team tactics are the sole responsibility of the Coaching Staff and Team Captain. They must not be publicly criticised by players, parents or non-participants.

iii) Batting Order

The batting order will be decided by the Coaching Staff and Team Captain, no one else.

iv) Player Performance

Judgement of a players' performance is the responsibility of the Coaching Staff. Shows of public disapproval by other players, parents and spectators must not occur.

v) Umpires' Decisions

Players, Parents and spectators must respect and accept without question decisions made by the umpires.

vi) Discipline

ALL matters relating to team and individual discipline on and off the field are the responsibility of the Coaching Staff and Manager. This includes players' behaviour at all times during festivals and tours.



vii) Acceptance Form

It will be assumed that any player accepting an invitation to play for any Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan representative team, does so in the knowledge of the above and in acceptance and compliance with the principles contained within this code. *All players and parents must sign and tick the Acceptance Form below.*

viii) Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Disciplinary Committee

In the case of a parent or player being involved in an incident related to the above or in any other matter connected with the sportsmanlike conduct of the game, the player may be withdrawn forthwith from the game concerned and the match report will be considered by the Disciplinary Committee. Sanctions, up to and including the suspension of a player or the banning of a supporter from matches or training, may be imposed in extreme circumstances.

ix) Withdrawal

Any player may be withdrawn by the Coach/Manager from any match at any time and for any reason.

x) Support for Coaches and Managers

At representative level youngsters need the support and encouragement of their parents. It is detrimental to their personal and cricketing development if they witness a parent or supporter publicly or privately contradicting what they have been told by their Coach and Manager however unhappy the parent may be about a specific incident. **Parents should also respect that the pavilion is out of bounds during hours of play so that that the coach can have the players' undivided attention.**

xi) Eligibility

Cricketers that play for Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan will not play for other regions unless agreed in writing with Cricket Wales.

xi) Photographs

Cardiff & the Vale will not permit photographs, video images or other images of Young People to be taken without the consent of the Parents/Carers and the Young Person as per ECB *Safe Hands, Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children*. By ticking the box below and signing this form you confirm that there are no restrictions related to taking photos/videos under the stated conditions. These images will be for either coaching analysis or publicity. No names will accompany pictures or Vice Versa.

xii) Commitment

Unless you are asked to represent Wales or the West Region of England, invitations to play for Cardiff & the Vale come before any other cricket match. Invitations to play for club or senior club cricket should not come before or impinge on what is expected of cricketers when playing for Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan.



Consent Statement from parent/legal guardian

Please tick each box where you agree (or delete if you do not agree).

Legal authority to provide consent:

- I confirm I have legal responsibility for _____ (name of child) and am entitled to give this consent.
- I confirm to the best of my knowledge, all information provided on this form is accurate, and will undertake to advise the Region of any changes to this information.

Consent to participate

- I agree to the child named above taking part in the activities of the region.
- I understand and agree to the responsibilities which I and my child have in connection of these policies.
- I consent to the Region photographing or videoing my child's involvement in cricket under the terms and conditions in the photography/video policy. (NOTE: LEAVE THIS BOX UNTICKED IF YOU DO NOT AGREE)

Signed (parent/legal guardian):	Date of signing:
Printed name of parent/legal guardian who has completed this form:	
Signed young player:	Date of signing:

Data Protection. The Region will use the information provided on this form, as well as, other information it obtains about the player to administer his/her cricketing activity at the Region, and in any activities in which he/she participates through the Region, and to care for and supervise, activities in which he/she is involved.

In some cases this may require the Region to disclose the information to County Boards, Glamorgan County Cricket, leagues, clubs and to the ECB. In the event of a medical safeguarding issue arising, the Region may disclose certain information to doctors or other medical specialists and/or to police, children's social care, the courts and/or probation officers and, potentially, to legal and other advisers involved in an investigation.

As the person completing this form, you must ensure that each person whose information you include in this form knows what will happen to this information and how it will be disclosed.