



Canon Frome Cricket Club

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Canon Frome Cricket club is committed to ensuring that all young people up to the age of 18 who are involved in the Club's cricketing activities have a safe and positive experience.

The policy sets out a framework to fulfil the Club's commitment to good practice and the protection of young people in its care within cricket.

The policy has been approved by the Canon Frome committee and applies to all volunteers (a description which includes team managers, coaches, regular club umpires and scorers, other adult helpers and adult team captains) and club members.

The ECB 'Welfare of Young People Policy' which sets out a framework to fulfil a commitment to good practice is also acknowledged and adopted to the extent it is both relevant and practical to club activities.

The club has appointed a Club Welfare Officer and deputy whose role is explained in Appendix A.

Conduct

Players, volunteers, other club officials and parents / carers are expected to follow the codes of conduct contained in Appendix B and displayed at the club. Membership of the club does not give any right to selection or to any level of involvement in matches.

Health

It is a condition of membership that parents / carers provide any relevant information on the membership consent form and report any changes in relation to a junior's health.

All volunteers with a coaching qualification have attended a first aid course. This is renewable every 3 years.

The following procedures are adopted:

Whenever possible more than one adult shall be in attendance when administering first aid to injuries.

A First Aid kit will be available at the clubs premises and at away fixtures. An accident book will be kept in each first aid kit. Parents / carers should be informed of any injury or illness. Whenever there is a potentially serious injury or illness, particularly if contagious illness is suspected the CWO should be immediately informed. Volunteers will be encouraged to attend first aid courses.

A list of qualified First Aiders and local doctors and hospitals is contained in Appendix C

Transport

Canon Frome policy is that parents or other responsible adults are responsible for transporting players to and from all matches and practice sessions and therefore the Club will not be registering private vehicles for the transportation of individuals in connection with any fixtures or practice sessions arranged by the club. The implementation of this policy is not intended to exclude any player from participation and parents or carers should contact the Club Welfare Officer or Junior Coordinator if they have any problems.

Any member of the club who offers a lift or arranges a lift is doing so in a personal capacity.

In relation to transporting of juniors, drivers should:

- Hold a valid driving licence
- Avoid giving a lift to a single child
- Ensure vehicles are roadworthy and insured
- Ensure that children wear seatbelts and where possible sit in the back seat.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that a particular event (match or practice) has not been cancelled and that suitable adult supervision has arrived.

Volunteer screening

Persons in the following positions will be CRB checked:

- Welfare Officers
- Coaches
- Junior coordinator
- Junior team managers
- Adult team captains and vice captains

All other volunteers / players will complete a Self declaration form as part of the yearly registration.

Photography

The junior registration form asks for parents / carers to give consent for Canon Frome CC to photograph or video their child's involvement in cricket under the terms and conditions below.

The club will follow the guidance issued by the ECB on the use of young people which is available on www.ecb.co.uk. The club will take steps to ensure that these images are used solely for the purpose they are intended, which is the celebration of the Club's cricketing activities. If anyone becomes aware that these images are being used inappropriately they should inform the Club Welfare Officer immediately.

If photographs eg. Team shots are submitted to the press or published on the club website, individuals will not be identified without parental permission.

The Club understands that there are circumstances under which a parent would not wish their child to be photographed. It becomes the responsibility of the parent / carer concerned to ensure that the child is not videoed or photographed.

Changing Policy

Parents and legal guardians are asked to sign the Parental Consent Form attached to Junior registration stating whether young players participating in adult teams can change at the club.

All parents must be aware that there are circumstances under which players under the age of 16 years may find themselves changing clothes in the presence of persons over 18 years. The club requests that if any parent is not comfortable with the arrangement then it is their responsibility to ensure the following:

Young players who do not wish to change or shower with adults are under no obligation to do so and are advised to change and shower at home.

It is the responsibility of the parent concerned to ensure that their child does not enter changing facilities at any time if consent is not given.

Please note, very few clubs, including Canon Frome CC have separate male/female changing rooms. Any girls or women playing in the adult teams would need to make their own arrangements.