



## Meltham Cricket Club – Safeguarding Policy

Meltham Cricket Club supports and requires all members / coaches / volunteers to observe the following standards of practice, including verbal and non-verbal actions when involved in activities with children\*.

All concerns about breach of this Code of Conduct will be taken seriously and will be dealt with by the Child Welfare Officer and passed to the Clubs committee.

### **Good Practice**

- Make sport fun, enjoyable and promote fair play.
- Treat all children equally, with respect, dignity and fairness.
- Involve parents/carers wherever possible.
- Build balanced relationships based on mutual trust.
- Include children in the decision-making process wherever possible.
- Always work in an open environment, wherever possible. Avoid private or unobserved situations.
- Put the welfare of each child first before winning or achieving performance goals.
- Be an excellent role model including not smoking or drinking alcohol in the company of children.
- Give enthusiastic and constructive feedback rather than negative criticism.
- Recognise the developmental needs and capacity of children.
- Avoid excessive training and competition, pushing children against their will and putting undue pressure on them.

### **Practice to be Avoided**

In the context of your role within Meltham Cricket Club, the following should be avoided:

- Having 'favourites' – this could lead to resentment and jealousy by other children and could be misinterpreted by others.
- Spending excessive amounts of time alone with children away from others.
- Where possible, doing things of a personal nature for children that they can do for themselves.

### **Unacceptable Practice**

In the context of your role within Meltham Cricket Club, the following practices are unacceptable:

- Engaging in sexually provocative games, including horseplay.
- Engaging in rough or physical contact unless it is permitted within the rules of the game or competition.
- Forming intimate emotional, physical or sexual relationships with children.
- Allowing or engaging in touching a child in a sexually suggestive manner.
- Allowing children to swear or use sexualised language unchallenged.

- Making sexually suggestive comments to a child, even in fun.
- Reducing a child to tears as a form of control.
- Allowing allegations made by a child to go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted upon.
- Inviting or allowing children to stay with you at your home.
- A Coach and/or other leader sharing a room alone with a child.

\*Children refers to anyone below the age of 18 years.