



Central Essex District Cricket Board

Code of Conduct and Coaching for CEDCB U9 U11 U13 & U15 Junior Matches

Cricket is proud of its deserved reputation as a sport which promotes the right behavioural standards. To that end the CEDCB will take this opportunity to remind you that all players, team officials, club supports and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Coaches Code of Conduct to ensure the incidents are kept to a minimum and overall behaviour improves.

The under mentioned events have no place in CEDCB matches

- . Appealing when the batsman is clearly not out.
- . Shouts of 'come on, lets make some noise'.
- . Coaching from the boundary, including making regular changes of fielders' positions.
- . Adults, presumably parents, coming onto the field of play to 'get their message' across.
- . Swearing at opponents.
- . Seeking to distract opponents verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm.
- . Showing dissent at Umpire's decisions.

For reports such as the above to be happening in CEDCB matches demonstrates that not all officials are addressing these issues in their positions of responsibility.

It is therefore appropriate that team managers and coaches are reminded of the responsibilities they have at matches with regard to the CEDCB Code of Conduct and the responsibility that they defer to the captain of their side.

Coach – team manager responsibilities

The CEDCB expects all coaches and team managers to ensure that their teams play within the Spirit of Cricket at all times and that the ECB Coaches Code of Conduct is adhered to by all.

Coaching during play

No coaching is allowed during play apart from specifically designed drinks intervals when the time allowed for coaches to speak to their players is strictly controlled and limited.

The role of the captain

The captain is in sole charge of the team on the field of play and as such is responsible for dealing immediately with any situation where one of his team acts outside the Spirit of Cricket or Code of Conduct. It is recognised that young captains will need help and support from coaches and/or team managers in this area. The captain is also responsible for all tactics, field placings, bowling changes etc. on the field of play during the game.

Match officials

Match officials are reminded that any breaches of the Code of Conduct and/or cases of coaching **MUST** be reported. If not, actions will go unchecked and will occur more frequently.

Reports for matches in CEDCB Competitions are to be made to the CEDCB Youth Organiser.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct may result in match penalties to the offending Club. The CEDCB Youth Organiser's decision in such matters being final.

If incidents are not reported correctly, no investigation can be carried out.