

ASHBURTON CRICKET CLUB



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Additional Club Guidelines and Policies

Missing Children Guidelines

If a child, for whom Ashburton CC has responsibility, goes missing, the following guidelines have been devised to clarify the actions to take:

- Ensure other children in your care are looked after appropriately while you organise a search for the child concerned
- Inform the child's parents, if they are present at the event, or nominate an appropriate person to telephone them and advise of the concern. Reassure them you are doing all you can to locate their child. Remember the child may contact the parents directly so this action is very important
- Organise all available responsible adults by areas to be searched. It is best to take a short time to organise the search properly so that all places are searched fully
- Send searchers immediately to any exits to the venue to ensure the child has not left, and to any obvious potential danger spots such as nearby lakes or rivers.
- Search the area in which the child has gone missing including changing rooms, toilets, public and private areas and the club's grounds
- Request all those searching to report back to a nominated adult at a specific point
- This nominated person should remain at this reference point and make a note of events, including a detailed physical description of the child. This should include approximate height, build, hair and eye colour as well as the clothing the child was wearing and where and when they were last seen. All this will be required by the police. If the search is unsuccessful you should then contact the police
- A report should go to the police no later than 20 minutes after the child's disappearance is noted, even if the search is not complete
- If the police recommend further action before they get involved, follow their Guidance
- If the police act upon the concern, always be guided by them in any further actions to take.

- At any stage when the child is located, ensure you inform all adults involved including the parents, searchers and the police if, by then, they are involved
- All missing child incidents MUST BE notified at the very earliest opportunity to the Club Welfare Officer, who must immediately notify the County Welfare Officer, and they must then notify the ECB Safeguarding Team

Transport Policy

The English Cricket Board (ECB) has issued guidelines to all clubs regarding the transportation of junior players to and from training and matches. The club is advised that it is the parents/guardians responsibility to transport their children to grounds, and only after arrival at a venue will the Coach/manager assume control.

Parents are made aware that coaches/managers of teams will not act as a 'taxi service' and cannot be expected to have the responsibility of your children in their cars.

If you are unable to transport your child to a game or practice please arrange an alternative method for your child's transportation.

The coaches have been issued with guidance that under no circumstances will they drop children back to homes, it is unfair to put them in this position, and it leaves them open to accusations being made against them.

If you cannot stay to watch your child play/train you are expected to collect your child on time from the specified meeting point at the time given by the coach. If you are going to be late even by a few minutes it is only common courtesy that you ring the coach to tell him.

We as a Club apologise if these arrangements sound strict, but we have been informed by the ECB how important it is to avoid putting the un-paid volunteers who run the Colts Cricket section in any awkward or compromising situations.

Photography & Video Guidelines

Ashburton Cricket Club is committed to safeguarding young cricketers and therefore follows guidance given by ECB:

- Photographs/images are not to be taken at matches or coaching sessions without the prior permission of the parents/carers of the child. This permission can be given by proxy by the coach of each team only after parental consent for this has been granted. The coach must arrange this prior to attending matches

- If no consent has been given for a child on his/her Application Form, then it is to be made known to the relevant person of the other team (e.g. coach/team manager) so the appropriate person/s taking photographs for the other team is/are aware and can avoid taking photographs of that particular child
- The children should be informed a person will be taking photographs
- The children should be informed that if they have concerns they can report these to the coach or team manager
- Concerns regarding inappropriate, or intrusive, photography should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer and recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern
- It is recommended that cricket tournaments, festivals, events and competitions set up a camera registration book for parents to complete

It is recommended that all cricket clubs as well as tournament/festival/event organisers adhere to the appropriate guidelines relating to publishing of images as detailed below.

Ashburton Cricket Club Photography and Video Camera Guidelines:

Use of images of children (for example on the web, in the media or in league handbooks) :

- Ask for parental permission to use their child's image and, wherever possible, show the image to the parents and child in advance. This ensures that they are aware of the way the image will be used to represent cricket and the club
- Ask for the child's permission to use their image. This ensures they are aware of the way the image is to be used to represent cricket and the club
- If the cricketer is named, avoid using their photograph
- If a photograph is used, avoid naming the child
- Only use images of children in appropriate kit (training or competition), to reduce the risk of inappropriate use, and to provide positive images of the children
- Encourage the reporting of inappropriate use of images of children. If you are concerned, report your concerns to the Club Welfare Officer

Using video as a coaching aid

There is no intention on the part of the ECB to prevent club coaches using video equipment as a legitimate coaching aid. However, players and parents/carers should be aware that this is part of the coaching programme, and material taken in connection with coaching, must be stored securely and deleted or destroyed when a parent requests this, or when the material is no longer needed. The parents/carers and children must provide written consent for the use of photography and video analysis.

Changing Room and Showering Policy

- Adults must not change, or shower, at the same time using the same facility as children *
- Adults should try to change at separate times to children during matches, for example when children are padding up
- If adults and children need to share a changing facility, the club must have consent from parents that their child(ren) can share a changing room with adults in the club
- If children play for adult teams, they and their parents, must be informed of the club's policy on changing arrangements
- Mixed gender teams must have access to separate male and female changing rooms
- Mobile phones must not be used in changing rooms
- If children are uncomfortable changing or showering at the club, no pressure should be placed on them to do so. Instead suggest they change and shower at home.

**Child/Children refers to all persons under the age 18 years*

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