

# **UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER CRICKET CLUB**

## **CODE OF PRACTICE**

### **INFORMATION TO MEMBERS**

The club provides written and verbal information to members when they join at either Freshers' Fair or at training sessions. Written information must be provided through an introductory letter which includes details of winter nets, summer arrangements, the level of ability that the club caters for, indoor winter fixtures and details about coaching.

Emails are sent out to all members of the clubs, giving notice of social events, pre-season training and summer fixtures. As well as this, announcements concerning the events of the forthcoming week are made at the end of every winter net session at Manor Road.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Other information is given entirely via email, including notices about upcoming events and matches. Members are emailed directly concerning team selection. As the university email system is the most widely used method of communication, we ask our members to check their emails regularly, especially during the outdoor season.

### **FACILITIES**

The club has access to the following facilities:

- 2 indoor nets at the Manor Road sports hall
- 1 bowling machine
- 2 pitches and outdoor nets at the Stoughton Road grounds

### **COMMITTEE**

The club committee shall consist of Club Captain, Vice Club Captain/Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Social Secretary, Kit secretary and Communications Officers.

### **SAFETY AT INDOOR NETS**

1. **Batting**  
When batting, players must wear the correct protective equipment at all times. The minimum protective equipment must consist of pads, gloves, thigh pad and abdominal protector. No club member shall bat without such protection.

Other safety equipment, such as a helmet, shall be worn at the discretion of the batsman.

No jewellery or watches shall be worn and pockets must be emptied of potentially dangerous items such as keys, lighters, coins, matches.

2. **Preparing to bat**  
When preparing to bat, a player must stand at an angle whereby it is not possible to be struck by a ball being hit out of the end of the nets.
3. **Bowling**  
Only one bowler shall bowl in any one net at any one time. Those who are waiting to bowl must at all times watch the ball in order to avoid being struck unawares. Once the bowler has completed his delivery, he must be safely clear of the net before the next ball is bowled. He must not turn his back on the net whilst rejoining the bowling queue.
4. **Bowling Machine**  
The bowling machine must be used only under the supervision of either the coach or a senior member who has a satisfactory level of competence in the operation of that type of bowling machine.

The bowling machine must never be used unsupervised.

The bowling machine must always be used within a net and must not be aimed intentionally outside a net.

### **INSURANCE**

All members of the club must hold a valid Sportscard, which includes the Sports Association's sports injury insurance cover. No members may attend net sessions or play for the club without a valid Sportscard.

## **EQUIPMENT**

It is expected that members will provide their own equipment which must be of a satisfactory condition.

All equipment borrowed from the sports hall must be checked by a committee member before use. Any faulty equipment must not be used and must be returned immediately to a member of the sports hall staff.

## **CONDUCT**

All club members are representatives of the University of Leicester Cricket Club both on and off the playing field, and must ensure that they behave in a manner which will not in any way damage the reputation of the club. All laws and etiquette of the game must be respected at all times.

All members must abide by the rules and spirit of cricket. The decision of the umpire must always be final and self-control must be exercised upon disagreement. Opponents and team-mates must be treated with respect both on and off the field.

The club committee must recognise their role in setting standards for other members to follow. No committee member may abuse his position in a way which would be detrimental to any fellow member, to the club or to the University.

## **MATCH OFFICIALS**

All match officials, whether qualified or not, will be treated with respect and courtesy by all club members.

Players will abide by the decisions made by match officials during play.

Clarification of any decision should be requested through the team captain.

Any player who abuses a match official, either verbally or physically, will be subject to the disciplinary processes of the club, and the regional authority for the sport.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Incidents arising at club level will be dealt with by way of a confidential meeting with the Club Captain. Should the incident not be resolved, a written warning must be given to the offender. A monitoring period must follow in order to see if it is necessary for further disciplinary action.

Any member who persistently causes disruption within the club will, after the above warning procedures have taken place, be subject to a formal hearing in front of a disciplinary committee which could result in expulsion from the club without a refund of membership fees.

The disciplinary committee will consist of the club committee. Should a member of the committee be disciplined, they will be replaced on the disciplinary committee by a responsible, neutral senior member at the discretion of the remaining committee members.

Prior to such a formal meeting, the offender must:

- Be given notice in writing of the offence
- Understand the nature of the offence
- Have an opportunity to state their case
- Be given adequate notice of the meeting
- Be given the right to be assisted at the hearing by any other club member of their choice

The disciplinary committee must:

- Act in good faith
- Make any decision only on evidence relevant to the issue in question
- Be impartial throughout
- Not act in a discriminatory manner
- Deal always in a firm but sensitive manner

Throughout the disciplinary procedure, confidentiality must be maintained.