

NCU CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS / CARERS

The Northern Cricket Union believes that Parents / Guardians / Carers should:

- Be role models for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Ensure that the child is punctual and dressed appropriately (in NCU-branded clothing) for coaching sessions and games. If you need any clarity on clothing, contact the NCU Pathway Manager.
- Parents should not be involved in a session whether this is observing from a close distance, talking to players, actively getting involved, or being in the hall during our winter programme. This is for a number of reasons including health and safety, safeguarding and insurance, as well as having an impact on player development.
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect the game/player. Parents should respect coaches' and captains' selection decisions on match days and not interact with coaches and captains throughout the day regarding their decisions.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the volunteers who provide sporting/recreational opportunities for your child. Do not question publicly the judgement or honesty of umpires, managers, selectors or coaches. Respect umpires, coaches, organisers, and other players.
- Encourage the child to play by the rules. Teach the child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides. Encourage mutual respect for teammates and opponents.



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- Support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms.
- Complete and return the Consent Form pertaining to the child's participation with the Northern Cricket Union via the pathway representative registration portal.
- Detail any health concerns pertaining to their child on the consent form. Any changes in the child's state of health should be reported to a member of the management team before coaching sessions.
- Collect the child on time.
- Ensure that the child is properly attired for the weather conditions of the time.
- The point of contact for any query or concern is Callum Atkinson, NCU Cricket Operations and Talent Pathway Manager.
- Familiarise themselves with Cricket Ireland's Safeguarding Policy and Guidance, which can be found here:

https://www.cricketireland.ie/images/uploads/site_images/Child_Safeguarding_Policy_and_Guidance.pdf

- To be aware that players also have a code of conduct and a copy can be available on request.

Parents / Guardians / Carers should also note that:

Any misdemeanours and breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Northern Cricket Union official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being banned from attending cricket games if their attendance is deemed to be detrimental to the child's welfare. The ultimate sanction should a parent/guardian continue to breach of the Code of Conduct may mean the Northern Cricket Union refuses permission for the child to continue his / her involvement in representative cricket.



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