

ECB & Devon Cricket League Code of Conduct

The Devon Cricket League ('the DCL') is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct which incorporate the 'Spirit of Cricket' as set out below and apply to all matches played under the auspices of the League. Further, Sidmouth Cricket Club adopts and is committed to these standards as set out below.

Captains' Responsibilities

Law 42.1 - The **Captains** are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Law 42.18 - In the event of a player failing to comply with the instructions of an Umpire, criticizing his decisions by word or action, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the Game into disrepute, the Umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other Umpire and to the player's **Captain**, requesting the latter to take action.

If this proves ineffective, the Umpire shall report the incident as soon as possible to the Executive of the Player's team and to the Devon Cricket League who shall take any further action which is considered appropriate against the Player or Players concerned.

Players and officials must at all times accept the decision of the Umpires without showing dissent. They must not react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards an Umpire at any time.

No Player or Club Official may intimidate or assault, or attempt to intimidate or assault, an Umpire, another Player or a Spectator.

No Player or Club Official shall use crude or abusive language or indulge in 'sledging' or make offensive gestures or deliberately attempt to distract an opponent.

Players, Officials, Members, Supporters and Employees of the League and of Member Clubs must adhere to the ECB Code of Conduct which prohibits racially abusive comments and actions against any person.

Failure to comply with this instruction will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offender(s) as specified in the League Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.

No Player or Club Official shall use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.

Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters at all times.

Umpires' Responsibilities

Law 42.2 - The Umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

The Umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of Time Wasting, Damaging the Pitch, Intimidatory Bowling, Tampering with the ball or any other action which they consider to be unfair.

The Spirit of Cricket

1. Captains and Umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every Player is expected to make an important contribution to this.
2. The Spirit of the Game involves Respect for your Opponents, your own Captain and Team, the Umpires and the Game's traditional values.
3. It is against the Spirit of the Game to dispute an Umpire's decision in any way, to direct abuse towards an opponent, Umpire or any other person, including Racial Abuse.

It is also against the Spirit of the Game to indulge in cheating or any sharp practice including appealing knowing the batsman is not out, advancing towards an Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing or seeking to distract an opponent either verbally or physically with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm or motivation of one's own side.