



Bledlow Village Cricket Club

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THE BLEDLOW SPIRIT OF CRICKET

“Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within the Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.”

To this end: ...

- Team Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the laws of the game.
- Players, officials and supporters must, at all times, accept the umpire’s decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire’s decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player or spectator.
- Players, officials and supporters shall not attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player or spectator.
- Players, officials and supporters shall not use crude and/or abusive language nor make offensive gestures nor attempt to deliberately distract an opponent.
- Players, officials and supporters shall not consume illegal drugs or banned substances of any kind on Club premises or whilst representing the Club in competitive matches.
- Players will at all times respect their opponents, their captain and teammates.

In any action in breach of this code by players, officials and supporters will not only let themselves down but you will also let down the Captain and the Club. As the Club accepts responsibility for the behaviour of its players, officials and supporters, it will take any necessary disciplinary action against any individual who fails to comply with this code.

The Committee, Players and Supporters need to set and maintain the highest possible Club standards of etiquette, sportsmanship and behaviour both on and off the field.

All players and members will always strive to conduct themselves in such a manner as to watch or play the game within the Spirit of Cricket at all times. All players should notify the Club and Captain at the earliest opportunity if they become unavailable after selection and they should arrive promptly, at the stated time and place, before their game.

