



MEMBERS' CHARTER

As a member of Bitteswell Cricket Club I agree to abide by the following Charter:

A - MEMBERSHIP

- 1 I will register annually online and, where applicable, pay, my annual subscription not later than 30 April in any given season.
- 2 I will pay my match fee as soon as it falls due and settle any debts without further reminder. I understand that if I incur a debt of two fees without an agreed repayment plan, in writing, will render me unavailable for match selection or training.
- 3 If my personal details change, I will update my online profile and alert my captain and any other relevant Club Officers.
- 4 I understand that I am part of an amateur Club, run by volunteers and will take personal responsibility for minimising their workload through my considerate actions and engagement with any time saving systems adopted by the Club.

B - SPORTSMANSHIP

- 1 I will play to win but within the rules and in a manner to protect mine and the safety of opponents, team mates, umpires, coaches, volunteers and spectators.
- 2 I will respect opponents on and off the pitch displaying dignity in both victory and defeat.
- 3 I will respect umpires on and off the pitch, accepting that it is a difficult job and that all will make some mistakes.
- 4 I will respect the work of coaches and interact in a courteous and appreciative manner.
- 5 I will respect and support the work of elected Club Officers and other volunteers, without whom, the Club could not function.
- 6 I will be sociable towards visiting teams, officials and umpires ensuring they are offered venue information, directions and anything else they may require in our capacity as good hosts.
- 7 I will be sociable with my team mates and endeavour to go to the club house post match, whenever possible.

C - AVAILABILITY & SELECTION

- 1 I will endeavour to be available for as many weeks of the season as possible.
- 2 I will not restrict my availability to a specific team – my availability shall always be to the wider club – other than in exceptional and properly communicated circumstances.
- 3 I will provide prompt and accurate availability for as many weeks in advance as I am asked to.
- 4 I will provide at least two weeks' notice of any upcoming known absence – more if possible.
- 5 I will accept the decisions of the Club's selection committee with respect to selection and agree to play in whichever team I am selected for.
- 6 I understand that teams will not necessarily be selected purely on playing ability. Playing position, erratic availability, previous withdrawal at late notice, absence from training or the strategic accelerated promotion of talented juniors are all considered legitimate selection criteria as part of a non-exhaustive list.

- 7 I understand that selection in pre-season might be experimental or driven by availability and is not necessarily indicative of selection when league matches begin.
- 8 I will make myself available for another team (either higher or lower) if I can no longer attend the time / venue of my initial selection to minimise disruption to the rest of the Club.
- 9 I will not pick and choose games, based on venue or strength of opposition as this causes unfair disruption to other teams in the Club.
- 10 I will engage fully with any system used by the Club to collect availability and notify selection, replying promptly at all times.
- 11 I accept that the Club can bar me from selection or training if I accrue debts of three or more match fees without an acceptable explanation. The onus is on me to address any financial difficulties in good time.

D – HEALTH & SAFETY

- 1 I agree to abide by all reasonable instructions, issued verbally or in writing, intended to optimise my own safety and that of others.
- 2 Outside of match playing time, I will give due consideration to the proximity and safety of umpires, opponents, team officials and spectators. Where necessary, I will move or adapt my activity.

E - LIABILITY & INSURANCE

- 1 I acknowledge that the Club carries public liability insurance only and that I must be an up to date, fully registered member to be covered.
- 2 I understand that the Club does NOT hold cover for personal injury or belongings which, if required, is my own personal responsibility.

F - GENERAL

- 1 I will wear approved Club kit for all league and friendly matches.
- 2 I will not wear any special edition kit, such as for cup finals or occasional sides other than when playing for those specific teams.
- 3 I will not acquire any special edition garments, nor use the Club logo for any products without prior Committee approval.
- 4 I will endeavour to support requests for help and not simply assume someone else will step forward.
- 5 I will act responsibly with social media and other forms of communications within the public domain. I will not criticise team mates, umpires or opponents and will immediately remove any offending material if I am asked to do so by the Committee.
- 6 I acknowledge that the social media accounts are accessed by a family audience and will refrain from bad language or inappropriate themes.
- 7 I will respect all venues and facilities and adhere to their policies, whether home or away, to preserve their condition and the hire relationships held with the owners.
- 8 I will undertake, without quibble, any reasonable ad hoc duties as requested by my team captain, including, pavilion / ground maintenance, writing a match report or similar and in all cases to an accurate, prompt and high standard.
- 9 As an adult member I will set a good example to promote the Club values and the spirit of this Charter to all junior members.
- 10 As a junior member, I will respect the senior members and behave in an appropriate manner to best uphold the Club's reputation and values.

- 11 If there is something about the Club that I don't like, I will convey this to the Committee rather than vote with my feet or grumble to others.
- 12 I understand that the Club has a Code of Conduct, that follows ECB guidance, and which can be activated in the event that I persistently or seriously breach any part(s) of this charter. Sanctions include warnings, suspension or expulsion.

G - COMPLAINTS

The Club needs to know about complaints of a serious nature but for more subjective ones, please carefully consider if it warrants volunteer time to investigate and resolve.

The starting point for **ALL COMPLAINTS** is to the Club Secretary – who will initiate an appropriate process. The Club also has Welfare Officers if this is more appropriate to the nature of the incident.

Any parents who wish to complain about selection decisions involving their children, **MUST NOT** directly approach captains, coaches or team managers either in person, by phone or in writing. The first action is to register your concerns with the Club Secretary as stated above.

Selection complaints will only be considered where a pattern of selection is being contested, not for isolated matches. Refer carefully to Section C – Availability & Selection and ensure your concern is valid before submitting any representation.

*Bitteswell CC Committee
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