



Doncaster Town Cricket Club

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Coaches Working with Children

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Coaches have a vital role to play in safeguarding children in cricket and, at a club, will often become the focus for children and their activities. Working or volunteering in cricket is about providing a fun and safe environment in which everyone, particularly children, can enjoy their experience of cricket and be motivated to carry on playing. All coaches working with children must complete ECB Safer Recruitment checks. This will include a current ECB Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Further information on Safer Recruitment can be found here.

Anyone coaching children must have relevant qualifications and insurance. Information on coaching qualifications offered by the ECB can be found on their website. The ECB Coaches Code of Conduct should be read in conjunction with this guidance.

Promoting Good Practice

As a cricket coach, you will have regular contact with children. You should ensure you understand your duty of care towards those you are coaching, maintain up-to-date knowledge of best practice, and act as a role model for the children you coach.

A good coach:

- Puts the welfare of children first, before winning or achieving goals, by encouraging a constructive environment where healthy competition, skill development, fun, learning from mistakes, and responding appropriately to defeat and achievement are promoted equally.
- Sets and consistently reinforces clear expectations of behaviour during training and matches. This includes responding promptly to incidents of inappropriate behaviour, bullying, and aggression
- Treats all children equally with respect and dignity
- Promotes the spirit of cricket
- Welcomes all children and their parents/carers to the club
- Ensures cricket is welcoming, fun, enjoyable, and that fair play is promoted
- Is aware that they are in a position of trust and is mindful of this in all interactions
- Takes a child-centred approach, planning sessions around the needs and abilities of all children who will be attending and adapts the session accordingly
- Routinely asks children for feedback on their sessions and adapts activities to meet their expressed views
- Encourages children to be considerate of other participants, officials, and club volunteers, and models good behaviour themselves
- Gives positive and constructive feedback

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