

Code of Conduct / Set of Rules for Young People

Middlesex Tamils Sports and Social Club (MTSSC)



MTSSC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members.

MTSSC believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents, carers or guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with Shantaraj Sivalingam who is the Club Welfare Officer or T Logeswaran who is the Colts Secretary.

Colt members should be registered with the club by completing an application form at the beginning of every season. Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.

As a colt member of MTSSC you are expected to abide by the following junior members code of conduct:

- play within the rules and spirit of the game and respect officials and their decisions.
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- bring their own cricket gear at games and practice sessions. They are responsible for their own equipment, which should carry their name on each item.

- treat safety and welfare of themselves and colleagues as paramount. They must wear the appropriate kit – helmets, gloves, batting pads and abdominal guards – for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager. Use of a box (groin guard) with a secure means of holding it in place i.e. jock strap, pouch briefs etc. is mandatory. It is also strongly recommended that thigh pads and arm guards are worn when batting.
- endeavour to maintain high standards in cricket attire. Cricket whites should be worn during games and practice. Shirts should be tucked inside trousers and appropriate indoor or outdoor shoes should be worn.
- not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on club premises or whilst representing the club.
- keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late so that he/she can make adjustments to the training session or game. If anyone is unable to come for training, they should where possible let their managers know at least 1 day in advance, so he/she can make adjustments to the training session.
- only enter the training hall when the training session for their age group is about to commence. Until then, they should stay in the designated area.
- at each training session, seek out the person who is marking the register and register their attendance.
- leave cricket bags in the designated place. They should not be brought into the training hall.
- when asked to pad up for batting, do so promptly. Any excessive time taken to 'pad-up' will be deducted from the time that was allocated to him/her for batting.
- when a batsman is asked to leave the nets, once his/her allocated batting time is finished, he/she should do so immediately.
- seek permission from one of the Coaches or Managers, if needing to leave before the training session is completed.
- help return all the balls and other training equipment to the storage bag, at the end of the training session is over.

Members should at all times encourage and support other players and not ridicule them or make fun of them.

During training sessions, bowlers should queue up and avoid being distracted by each other when waiting for their turn to bowl.

Members should at all times be mindful of their own safety and that of others. During training sessions, players should make every effort to make sure that they are facing the batsman and be alert in case of the need to take evasive action if the ball is hit in their direction.

Colt members who misbehave can be asked to leave the indoor or outdoor training session at the discretion of the coach, team manager or the colt's secretary. They can also be suspended from some or all of the remaining training sessions.

Parents are to ensure that their children are dropped and picked up in time after training and not left alone at the indoor nets or at the club house.

Parents are also asked to remain outside the training area until the session is finished.

Parents should promote sportsmanship, be supportive of all players and be considerate to the opposition team and supporters..

The ECB has produced clear recommendations relating to close fielding distances and fast bowling directives. MTSSC supports these recommendations (available on request) and will ensure that all coaches adhere to them.

The Club will ensure that an adequate first aid kit is available on the club site, and that it will be checked regularly. All our qualified coaches / managers hold a first aid kit for away matches/training and have had basic first aid training.

The ECB has produced their "Safe Hands" policy as guidance on child protection issues in cricket which the club endorses. The club child welfare officer will ensure that all committee members and coaches are fully briefed and have copies of the child welfare policy that works within the ECB's guidance. The policy is available on our website and on the notice board during the summer.

The club is committed to ensuring that colt members are able to enjoy the game and developing their skills and have fun in a safe and supportive environment.