



# PARENT/GUARDIAN CHARTER

## 2023-24 SEASON

All Talent Pathway players must agree to abide by the Players' Charter. Please ensure your son/daughter reads it and understands it so they know what is expected of them. The Charter is common to all age groups, ensuring a consistent approach.

This advice to parents, guardians or friends is provided in the knowledge that they will be keen to assist in ensuring that young players make the best of their opportunities in the Kent Cricket Talent Pathway Programme.

The process that leads to the successful development of a player is a complex one. It entails identification of technical strengths and gaps and working on both. It also entails developing such personal qualities as reliability, leadership, work ethic and most importantly, taking responsibility for their own game, performance, and behaviour.

The support of parents, guardians and friends is vitally important. However, it is difficult for coaches and players if mixed messages are supplied and if there are distractions during the game. We have therefore put together a list of requests, with the best intentions of the player always at the forefront of our minds.

Please:

- Do your best to ensure that players arrive at matches and training sessions at the time stipulated by the coaches and are picked up promptly.
- Ensure that players have and are wearing the appropriate Ambition Playing Kit.
- Where possible let players carry their own kit to and from the changing room/pitch.
- Never enter any changing room.
- Encourage your son/daughter to stay with their team during the match
- Do not enter the field of play.
- Support the coach and the team and do not interfere with the duties and responsibilities of the coach.
- Accept the coach's decision regarding playing time, player positions and tactics. Any questions should only be directed to the coach after the after the conclusion of the game.
- Remember children play sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides.
- Use social media responsibly and in line with the Kent Cricket Social Media Policy when referring to Kent Cricket activity and behave in the same way online as you would in person
- Abide by our Photography and Recorded Images Policy



- Let the team coach/manager know about impacting problems; injury, including concussion, illness or other pressures/concerns for the player as soon as is suitable/possible.
- Feel free to discuss or report any concerns or queries you have with the Talent Pathway Coaches at an appropriate time (this excludes during gameplay, unless an emergency)
- You must agree to abide by our other policies [found here](#).

### Welfare:

Kent Cricket is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects you to share this commitment. If you have any issues you wish to discuss relating to child welfare or safeguarding within the Kent Cricket Talent Pathway, please contact our Talent Pathway Safeguarding Officer in the first instance, or the Kent County Safeguarding Officer.

#### **Boy's Talent Pathway Safeguarding Officer:**

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#### **Girl's Talent Pathway Safeguarding Office**

Shireen Hart [shireen.hart@kentcricket.co.uk](mailto:shireen.hart@kentcricket.co.uk)

#### **County Safeguarding Officer:**

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