



## **RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB**

(Affiliated to the Essex County Cricket Board, the Club Cricket Conference, Essex Playing Fields Association)  
Ground - Spring Farm Park, Lambs Lane, Rainham, Essex, RM13 9XF  
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### **Code of Conduct for Participants and Guests**

Rainham Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints they may have about any aspect of the club with John Read, Club Welfare Officer or Graham Thwaites, Club Chairman.

As a member of Rainham Cricket Club you are expected to abide by the following code of conduct:

- \* All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions
- \* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket
- \* All members must respect the relevant Captain of the day and accept any decision made by that Captain
- \* Any suggestions made to the Captain of the day must be passed onto the Captain in a mature and dignified manner on and off the field of play (e.g. Not shouting or moaning etc)
- \* Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief.
- \* Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed
- \* Display high standards of behaviour
- \* During home games to ensure that the all opposition and officials help themselves to tea prior to Rainham CC players
- \* Promote the positive aspects of cricket e.g. fair play
- \* Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials
- \* Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials (whether they are neutral umpires or from the opposition)
- \* Recognise good performance not just match results
- \* Place the well being and safety of young people above the development of performance
- \* Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual
- \* Respect young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket
- \* Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.



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- \* Members must wear suitable kit - white shirt and tracksuit bottoms or shorts - for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager
- \* In the event of Rainham CC players having to umpire, an umpires coat must be worn or cricket whites
- \* Members must pay any fees for training, playing or events promptly
- \* Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions
- \* Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club
- \* Follow ECB guidelines set out in the 'Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' and any other relevant guidelines issued
- \* Report any concerns in relation to a young person, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB
- \* In addition to the above all club officers and appointed volunteers will:
  - a. hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance
  - b. always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment)
  - c. inform players and parents of the requirement of cricket
  - d. know and understand the ECB's 'Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children'

Members and guests include all members and officers of the cricket club and all guests of those members and officers, as well as all individuals who watch/attend/participate/officiate in matches hosted by the club in whatever capacity.