

CHURCH & OSWALDTWISTLE CRICKET CLUB

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Statement of Intent

Church & Oswaldtwistle Cricket Club is committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our junior members so they can train and play in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at the Club. If bullying does occur, all children should be able to tell and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. We are a TELLING club. This means that anyone who knows that bullying is happening is expected to tell the coaches and officials.

What Is Bullying?

Bullying is the use of aggression with the intention of hurting another person. Bullying results in pain and distress to the victim. Bullying can be:

- Emotional: being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting (e.g. hiding kit, threatening gestures)
- Physical: pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence
- Racist: racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
- Sexual: unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments
- Homophobic: because of, or focusing on the issue of sexuality
- Verbal: name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
- Cyber: All areas of internet, such as email and internet chat room misuse. Mobile threats by text messaging and calls.
- Misuse of associated technology, i.e. camera and video facilities

Club Procedures

- Any bullying incident(s) should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer. The Club Welfare Officer's telephone number is shown on the Club notice board and on the Club's website.
- In cases of serious bullying, the incidents will be reported to the ECB Child Protection Team for advice via the County Welfare Officer.
- Parents will be informed and will be asked to come in to a meeting to discuss the problem.
- If necessary and appropriate, police will be consulted.
- The bullying behaviour or threats of bullying will be investigated and the bullying stopped quickly.
- An attempt will be made to help the bully (bullies) change their behaviour. In cases of adults reported to be bullying cricketers under 18, the ECB will be informed and will advise on action to be taken
- The Club will use KIDSCAPE methods to help children prevent bullying. As and when appropriate these may include writing a set of rules, signing a behaviour contract and/or having discussions about bullying and why it matters.