

HASLINGDEN CRICKET CLUB – HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The Health and Safety of club members, participants, spectators and all others is of paramount importance to Haslingden Cricket Club. The Club is committed, so far as reasonably practicable, to operating in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and all relevant regulations made under the Act.

Responsibility:

The management committee has prime responsibility for health & safety for Haslingden CC activities. It is the duty of this committee to see that everything reasonably practicable is done to prevent personal injury and to maintain a safe and healthy place for recreation. The committee will review and revise this policy as necessary at regular intervals.

Day to day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is delegated to the Club Secretary.

All club members and employees are expected to co-operate with the Management Committee on health & safety matters, take reasonable care of their own health and safety & report all health and safety concerns to the Club Secretary. In order to achieve these requirements Haslingden CC will provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from its activities and consult with members on matters affecting their health and safety.

It is the duty of all coaches, members, participants, spectators and all others to act responsibly, and to do everything they can to prevent injury to themselves and colleagues.

Fire Precautions:

The instructions on fire precautions should be followed by all members and officials. Do not stop to collect personal possessions. Do not re-enter the building. Report to the appropriate assembly point. It is the responsibility of the club officials to ensure that fire precaution and safety standards are maintained at all times.

Accidents and First Aid:

All accidents, however minor, should be recorded in an accident book. If necessary, First Aid should be administered by a trained person.

In the event of more serious accidents / injuries (e.g. fracture or dislocation) a young person's parents should be informed and an incident / accident report filled in.

Smoking

The club's policy on smoking consists of restrictions and guidelines that are based on the needs of Health & Safety and comfort of fellow members. Smoking is not permitted in club buildings.



General

The club will provide and maintain safe plant and equipment for use by approved personnel.

The club commits to ensure that employees and members are aware of the need for safe handling and use of potentially hazardous substances.

Child Welfare:

Haslingden CC is committed to making cricket a safe, positive and enjoyable experience for all players. This includes all participants and spectators but particularly for young people and vulnerable adults. Haslingden CC endorses and implements the recommendations of the ECB Safe Hands (Welfare of Young People in Cricket) Policy.

Coaches:

All volunteer coaches must have appropriate ECB coaching qualifications and a current CRB check. Coaches have responsibility for the supervision and conduct of the young people in their care throughout each session of activities they are delivering. Coaches must do their best to ensure the health and safety of everyone taking part in cricket activities.

Net Coaching:

The coach should check and ensure that the area and equipment is safe for the type of activity which is to take place and that no damage or danger to property or persons is reasonably likely to occur. The coach should ensure good net discipline and monitor participants continually during the session. The deliberate and frequent bowling of fast short-pitched deliveries should be discouraged.

Outfield Practice:

When players practice on the outfield they should do so in positions which minimise the risk of injury to fellow cricketers and spectators and damage to property.

Outdoor Play:

Umpires are the sole judges of whether pitches are playable and conditions are fit for play. If no certificated or appointed umpires are present, the captains will make this decision. Law 42.8 concerning fast intimidating bowling should be strictly enforced.

ECB Guidelines for Young Cricketers:

Haslingden CC adopts the recommendations made in the following ECB guidelines:

- ECB Fast Bowling Directives
- ECB Fielding Directives
- ECB Safety Guidance on the Wearing of Helmets by Young Players
- ECB Junior Cricketers Playing in an Adult Match

