

THORP ARCH & BOSTON SPA CRICKET CLUB (TABS CC)

Club Code of Conduct

Introduction

Thorp Arch & Boston Spa Cricket Club is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, inclusive and respectful environment for all players, members, volunteers, spectators, visitors and neighbours.

The Club is proud of its role within the local community and recognises that it operates within a residential village setting. All individuals associated with the Club are expected to act in a manner that reflects positively on the Club, upholds the Spirit of Cricket and demonstrates consideration for fellow members, opponents, officials, local residents and the wider community.

This Code applies to:

- Members
- Players
- Coaches
- Captains and Team Managers
- Committee Members
- Volunteers
- Parents and Guardians
- Spectators and Guests
- Visitors attending Club facilities or events

1. Our Core Values

All Club members and guests will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every individual.
- Treat everyone fairly and without discrimination.
- Promote inclusion and equal opportunity.
- Display high standards of behaviour both on and off the field.
- Promote the positive values of cricket, including integrity, sportsmanship and fair play.
- Respect the decisions of match officials.
- Protect the reputation of the Club.
- Comply with all applicable ECB policies, safeguarding requirements and relevant legislation.

- Act as good neighbours and respect those living adjacent to the ground and throughout the village community.

2. Player Code of Conduct

When representing TABS CC, all players act as ambassadors for the Club and must:

- Respect umpires, officials and opponents.
- Accept decisions without dissent.
- Play within both the Laws and Spirit of Cricket.
- Avoid foul, abusive, intimidating or offensive language.
- Support and encourage teammates.
- Display sportsmanship in victory and defeat.
- Arrive on time for matches and training sessions.
- Assist with reasonable match-day and club responsibilities.
- Pay subscriptions and match fees promptly.
- Respect Club facilities and equipment.
- Show consideration to neighbouring residents when arriving at or leaving the ground.

3. Coaches, Managers and Volunteers

Coaches, managers and volunteers must:

- Prioritise the welfare of players at all times.
- Act as positive role models.
- Promote enjoyment, development and participation.
- Encourage fair opportunities for all players.
- Follow ECB safeguarding requirements and Safe Hands guidance.
- Maintain appropriate boundaries with young people.
- Ensure all activity takes place in an open and transparent environment.
- Hold appropriate qualifications and certifications where required.
- Promptly report safeguarding concerns through the correct channels.
- Undertake appropriate safeguarding and role-specific training.

4. Parents, Guardians, Spectators and Guests

All spectators, parents and guests are expected to:

- Respect players, coaches, officials and volunteers.
- Applaud good play by both teams.
- Avoid criticism, abuse or intimidating behaviour.
- Refrain from foul, offensive or abusive language.

- Remain outside the playing area unless authorised.
- Respect officials' decisions.
- Support the Club's values and standards.
- Supervise children who are not actively participating in organised Club activities.
- Be considerate of neighbouring residents when attending the Club

5. Respect for Neighbours and the Local Community

The Club recognises that maintaining positive relationships with neighbouring residents is essential.

All members, visitors and guests must:

- Respect neighbouring properties at all times.
- Keep noise to reasonable levels when arriving, departing or socialising.
- Avoid shouting, swearing and inappropriate behaviour near residential boundaries.
- Follow Club guidance regarding parking and access arrangements.
- Respect village residents, whether or not they are connected to the Club.
- Support efforts to maintain positive relationships between the Club and the wider community.

The Club expects all users of its facilities to demonstrate courtesy, consideration and respect for the village environment in which it operates.

6. Practice Nets and Training Facilities

When using practice nets and training facilities, all players, coaches and spectators must:

- Use facilities responsibly and safely.
- Avoid unnecessary shouting, abusive language or disruptive behaviour.
- Follow instructions from coaches and Club officials.
- Use designated areas only.
- Respect neighbouring residential properties.
- Report any damage or safety concerns promptly.

The Club will continue to review the operation of training facilities to ensure they balance cricket development with consideration for neighbouring residents.

7. Respect for Private Property

The Club operates alongside residential properties and expects members to respect private property at all times.

All members, visitors and spectators must:

- Never enter a private garden or property without permission.
- Follow Club procedures for the retrieval of cricket balls.
- Respect fences, boundaries, gates and landscaping.
- Avoid causing damage to gardens, flowerbeds or private property.
- Report accidental damage immediately.

Any individual entering private property without permission may be subject to disciplinary action.

8. Parking, Access and Village Roads

The Club asks all members and visitors to:

- Park considerately and legally.
- Avoid obstructing driveways, footpaths or access routes.
- Follow any parking guidance issued by the Club.
- Where practical, share transport for training sessions and matches.
- Respect local residents when arriving and departing.

Good parking behaviour is an important part of being a good neighbour and maintaining positive community relationships.

9. Communication and Resident Engagement

The Club is committed to maintaining open and constructive communication with neighbouring residents and the Parish Council.

The Club will seek to:

- Provide clear communication regarding key fixtures, training schedules and events.
- Engage residents when significant changes or projects are being considered.
- Maintain suitable channels through which concerns can be raised.
- Encourage constructive dialogue between residents and Club representatives.

The Club believes that early communication helps prevent misunderstandings and supports positive relationships.

10. Clubhouse, Alcohol, Smoking and Drugs

All users of Club facilities must:

- Comply fully with licensing laws and Club licensing conditions.
- Follow any published operating and closing times.
- Consume alcohol responsibly.
- Respect the Club's no-smoking requirements where applicable.
- Never use, possess or distribute illegal drugs on Club premises.

The Club operates a zero-tolerance approach to illegal drug use.

Any offence involving illegal drugs may result in immediate suspension or permanent exclusion from the Club.

11. Safeguarding

The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount.

All Club members must:

- Follow ECB safeguarding policies.
- Promote a safe environment for all participants.
- Report safeguarding concerns immediately.
- Treat children and vulnerable adults with respect.
- Never engage in inappropriate relationships, conduct or communications.

Any safeguarding concern will be referred immediately to the Club Safeguarding Officer and, where appropriate, the ECB, County Board or statutory authorities

12. Social Media and Online Conduct

All members are reminded that behaviour online reflects upon both the individual and the Club.

Members must not:

- Post abusive, discriminatory or offensive content.
- Publish material that may bring the Club into disrepute.
- Engage in online bullying or harassment.
- Share confidential Club information without permission.

The same standards of conduct expected in person apply online.

13. Breaches and Disciplinary Action

Failure to comply with this Code may result in disciplinary action.

Depending on the seriousness of the breach, sanctions may include:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Written warning.
3. Temporary suspension.
4. Removal from a match, training session or Club event.
5. Suspension of membership.
6. Expulsion from the Club.
7. Permanent ban from Club premises.

The Committee reserves the right to investigate complaints and determine appropriate action based on the circumstances of each case.

Commitment

Thorp Arch & Boston Spa Cricket Club is committed to providing cricket opportunities for all ages and abilities while remaining a responsible neighbour and valued community asset.

All members, players, volunteers, parents, spectators and guests are expected to uphold both the letter and spirit of this Code of Conduct, helping to ensure that the Club remains a welcoming, respectful and inclusive environment for everyone

The Club expects all users of its facilities to demonstrate courtesy, consideration and respect for the village environment in which it operates.