

# Leeds University Union

## Code of Good Conduct for: Men's Cricket

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Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its laws but also within the spirit of the game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests within the captains.

- 1. There are two laws which place responsibility for the teams conduct firmly on the captain.*

### **Responsibility of captains**

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws.

### **Player's conduct**

In the event of a player failing to comply with the instructions by an umpire, or criticizing by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

### **2. Fair and unfair play**

According to the laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

### **3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:**

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action they may consider to be unfair

### **4. The spirit of the game involves RESPECT for:**

- Your opponents

- Your own captain
- The roles of the umpires
- The games traditional values

**5. It is against the spirit of the game:**

- To dispute an umpires decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance: (a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out (b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing. (c) To seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of ones side.

**6. Violence**

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

**7. Players**

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.

Violation of the code of conduct will result in a disciplinary hearing and will have to be reported to the LUU.

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We the undersigned agree to uphold the above code of good practise

President Name Tom Johnson  
 Secretary Name Matt Krikham  
 Treasurer Name Matt Green

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