**Junior Players in Adult Matches Policy**

The Club recognises that we have a duty of care towards all young players who are representing the club.

This extends to other leagues which allow young players to play in adult teams.

**The duty of care should be interpreted in two ways:**

* Not to place a young player in a position that involves a risk to the player, taking into consideration the circumstances of the game and the skill of the young player.
* Not to create a situation which puts the opposing side in a position where they cannot play the game in the way they would normally do.

**The following requirements will apply to young players in adult matches:**

* All young players who have not reached their 18th birthday must wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket.
* Umpires must be aware of the fielding restrictions and stop the game if the young player comes too close to a restricted area.
* The umpires and opposing captain will be notified of the age group of the players taking part in an adult game if they are under 19 age group or younger even if the player is not a fast bowler. This also covers any player who may act as a substitute fielder .
* Any player in the Under 13 age group or younger wishing to play in an adult match must have explicit written consent from their parents.
* Any club wishing to play a player in the Under 11 age group in an adult league or cup match must obtain explicit prior approval of the League or Cup management before the player can play. Approval should only be given to exceptionally skilled players, if this is the case the Club should seek advice from an ECB level 3 coach.