



LYMINGTON CRICKET CLUB



Anti-Bullying Policy

Statement of intent

Lyminster Cricket Club are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our children so they can train, and play, in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our club. If bullying does occur, all children should be able to tell, and know, incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. We are a TELLING club. This means anyone who knows bullying is happening is expected to tell staff 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 take many forms some of which we've listed below:

- ✚ Emotional: being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting (for example: hiding kit, or making threatening gestures)
- ✚ Physical: pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence
- ✚ Racist: racial taunts, graffiti and/or 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 and teasing
- ✚ Cyber: All areas of the internet, such as email and internet chat rooms. Mobile threats by text message and/or calls. Misuse of associated technology, such as camera and video facilities

Why is it important to respond to bullying?

Bullying hurts. No one should be a victim of bullying. Everyone has the right to be treated with respect. Children who are bullying need to learn different ways of behaving. Cricket clubs have a responsibility to respond promptly, and effectively, to issues of bullying.

Objectives of this policy

- ✚ All officials, coaching and non-coaching staff, children and parents should have an understanding of what bullying is
- ✚ All officials, coaching and non-coaching staff should know what the club policy is on bullying, and follow it when bullying is reported
- ✚ All children and parents should know what the club policy is on bullying, and what they should do if bullying arises
- ✚ As a club, we take bullying seriously. Children and parents should be assured they will be supported when bullying is reported
- ✚ Bullying will not be tolerated



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Signs and symptoms

A child may indicate, by signs or behaviour, that he or she is being bullied. Adults should be aware of signs and investigate if a child:

- ✚ Says they are being bullied
- ✚ Changes their usual routine
- ✚ Is unwilling to go to the club
- ✚ Becomes withdrawn anxious, or lacking in confidence