

ROCKHAMPTON CC SELECTION OF/ YOUNG CRICKETERS IN ADULT MATCHES

We, as a club actively encourage our young players to make the 'step-up' from junior to adult cricket, but only when we and you as parent/carer agree that they are ready and would benefit from this significant step.

We must consider the players safety, personal and emotional development and the overall impact on their cricket 'experience'.

If a junior player is selected we have a duty of care to consider/ensure that:-

The player is not placed in a situation of unnecessary risk, both in the context of the match and his/her relative skill level. Also the impact this could have on the opposition and the way they would usually play against adults.

Responsible captains shall adhere to ECB fast bowling guidelines & Fielding regulations for junior players in adult cricket (these are available from the club or can be downloaded from ECB websites)

We adhere to the many other requirements that apply to young players in adult matches (See ECB guidelines) i.e. If your child is at 13 or under, then we must obtain written consent from you if he/she is to participate in adult matches. The junior player has an opportunity wherever possible to have an active role in the game i.e. not just as a fielder. This can have a tremendous impact on their enjoyment of the game and whether they want to continue playing at senior level in the future.

Senior players shall endeavour to encourage, support junior players both on and off the field and involve them in as many aspects of the game as possible. A little praise often goes a long way!

ROCKHAMPTON CC MISSING CHILDREN GUIDELINES

In the extremely unlikely event of a child (whom our club has responsibility for at match/practice/event) going missing then we will endeavour to take the following actions:-

Other children present in the coach's care shall be looked after appropriately while a search is organised, as far as is practicable. Speak to the other players directly as they are as likely as anyone to know where their team mate may have gone, or seen him/her very recently.

The child's parents or nominated emergency contact shall be informed as soon as possible-Especially as the child may have contacted parents directly in the meantime.

Organise a search of the club/grounds with all available responsible adults

A nominated adult should attempt to remain at a central point and communicate to all 'searchers' what the child looks like etc & where they were last seen (If possible record these events for the police if they are required)

If the search is unsuccessful report concerns to the police within approx' 20mins of first becoming aware of a problem. Follow police guidance then in any further actions and when the child is located communicate this to all parties involved, especially the parents/carer.

In all missing children incidents our club Welfare Officer (Richard Crabtree) must be notified so they can notify the County W.O and in turn the ECB CPT.

ROCKHAMPTON CC CHANGING & SHOWERING POLICY

The general purpose of this guideline is to ensure a 'comfortable' environment in which children and adults can share changing/showering in adequate facilities at our home grounds and where possible at away venues (It is, however, not always possible to guarantee the adequacy of all 'away' facilities with this regard)

Whenever possible, adults must not change at the same time, in the same facility as children. But, where children are selected to play in senior matches, common sense and experience dictates this is not always possible-particularly when 'padding-up' etc. Therefore, please understand that by signing the registration form we assume you agree with this.

If mixed gender teams are selected/visit then female participants should, where possible change first, as we cannot guarantee separate changing at both our grounds. Particularly at the old 'Common'.

Mobile phones shall not be used in changing facilities are known or expected to be present.

The changing/ showering facilities are made available for 'all', encouraging good hygiene and cleanliness within a sporting environment, but it is the parents/child's decision whether to use them or change at home.

ROCKHAMPTON CC MANAGING CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE CLUB

We, as a club and individuals have a duty of care to ensure that your child/junior is as safe as possible whenever they are taken to represent the club away from our home grounds.

But however vigilant our coaches/responsible adults can be, we must state that it is impossible to cover all eventualities, especially where away venues have no obvious risk assessments on view.

If tours/trips (with overnight stays) are arranged, then the coach/team manager shall make individual guidelines available to the parents/carer.

In the event of an unlikely emergency arising whilst away from the club, the responsible coach/adult will firstly ring you the parent/carer and then the emergency contact point given on the individual's player profile form, to inform accordingly.

ROCKHAMPTON CC TRANSPORT

It is important that all parents/carers realise (as the majority already do) that they are responsible for the safe delivery and collection of their child, both to and from matches or practice sessions.

This should always be the case unless in the following circumstances:-

The coach/manager has arranged and agreed with the parent/carer to transport their child (or responsible, nominated adult in case of a 'junior' selected for a senior side).

An emergency has arisen and the responsible coach/adult has no other safe option available, other than to return the child to the parents/carer or to the nominated emergency contact (This should only happen after attempts have been made to leave a message with parent/carer or emergency contact-or at last resort the club welfare officer)

If you as parent/carer cannot 'pick up/collect' your child after a game/practice session, then we stress it is important that you give relevant coach/team manager notice and make alternative arrangements. This way they are not left without transport home or assuming the coach/manager will fill this role.