



# BURY ROUNDERS SAFEGUARDING INITIATIVE



## Code of conduct

Everyone involved in sport, especially team managers, referees, players, parents/guardians and supporters should accept the role and responsibilities that they undertake in their commitment to maintaining an enjoyable and safe environment.

### REFEREES

The manner in which the Laws of the Games are interpreted and applied can greatly influence the amount of pleasure gained by those who play and watch. Give decisions clearly and firmly. Report any serious case of misconduct to the League Secretary. However, a timely word of advice to team captains or players who appear to be losing control may help to complete the game without the necessity for disciplinary action. Bad language is unacceptable, and not in keeping with the best interests of the game. Avoid over familiarity with players. Wear footwear and clothing suitable for coping with ground and weather conditions. Always carry a copy of the current Rule & Fixture Book.

### PLAYERS

Avoid appealing for decisions, and accept the decisions of match officials without question. On matters of opinion, the Referee's decision is final. Play fairly and without danger to opponents, and do not indulge in the practice of gamesmanship - this is often regarded as cheating. Treat opponents and officials with the respect you would wish them to accord you. Dangerous play, e.g. the throwing of bats, the unnecessary and aggressive hitting of poles, etc. and bad language is unacceptable, and not in keeping with the best interests of the game.

### SUPPORTERS

Noisy and abusive criticism must be avoided. This can affect a referee's concentration and morale to the detriment of the game. Ensure the smooth running of the game by standing well clear of the playing area. Do not field the ball, and comply with any reasonable request from the referee.

PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE LEAGUE AND LAWS OF THE GAMES. PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS SHALL NOT HOLD MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE LIABLE FOR ANY ACCIDENT, INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR, OR ANY OF THEIR MEMBERS, PARTICIPATION IN THE LEAGUE.