



Murton Cricket Academy

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Playing in Adult Matches Policy Statement

Murton Cricket Club (The Club) is committed to ensuring all Children (i.e. all persons under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience.

The following policy has been developed in line with the 'Safe Hands policy & procedures' published by the ECB.

The Club recognises that it has a duty of care towards all young players who are representing it and The Club will not:

- Place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player.
- Create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.

Guidance for 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. Consent from the parent or legal guardian not to wear a helmet **will not** be accepted in adult matches. A young player acting as a runner must also wear a helmet even if the player he is running for is not doing so.
- The current ECB fielding regulations must be adhered to and the Club expects these to be enforced by the umpires and captain.
 - The Club will following the ECB Fast Bowling (Fast bowler defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball):

Age	Maximum Overs per spell	Maximum spells per day
Up to 13	4	2
Under 14/15	5	2
Under 16/17	6	3
Under 19	7	3

- The Club will follow the ECB Safe positioning of fielders directive: No player in the under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 7.3 metres (8 yards) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batter has played the ball. For players in the under 13 age group and below the distance is 10 metres (11 yards)
- The Club will notify the umpires and the opposing captain of the age group of all players participating in an adult match who are in the Under 19 age group or younger even if the player is not a fast bowler. This also covers any young player taking the field as a substitute fielder.



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- The Club will not allow any young player below the Under 13 age group (i.e. players aged 12 and younger) to play in an adult match unless considered by a qualified Level 2 coach or above, that it is appropriate for their development and also prior written parental consent to play is required.
- The Club's [Changing & Showering Policy Statement](#) **must be** adhered to.