



## **Headley, Whitehill & Bordon Cricket Club Children Playing in Adult Matches**

Headley Cricket Club has a duty of care towards all young players who are representing the club. We actively encourage young cricketers to play in adult (open age) cricket.

In doing so we 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.

We will not 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.

We will ensure that the players safety, personal development needs and overall cricket experience are considered.

The ECB requires that no junior cricketers younger than the age group of under 13 can play in open age cricket.

ECB fast bowling directives and fielding regulations will always be adhered to for juniors in open age cricket. All young players who have not reached their 18th birthday must wear a helmet with a face-guard when batting and standing up to the stumps whilst keeping wicket. A young player acting as a runner must also wear a helmet even if the player they are running for is not wearing one.

Any player in the under 13 age group must have explicit written consent from a parent or guardian before participating in open age cricket.

We will try and involve children playing in open age group games in all aspects of the game wherever possible i.e socializing, team talks, practice, decision making etc so that they feel part of the team.

## **Headley Cricket Club – Changing Room Policy**

1. Adults must not change or shower at the same time using the same facility as children.
2. Adults should try to change at separate times to children during matches i.e when padding up
3. If adults and children need to share a changing facility, the club must have consent from the parents that their child(ren) can share a changing room with adults in the club.
4. If children play for adult teams, they and their parents must be informed of the club's policy on changing arrangements.
5. Mixed gender teams must have access to separate male and female changing rooms.
6. Mobile phones must not be used in changing rooms.
7. Anyone uncomfortable with the Club's changing room policy should change/shower at home.