

Transporting Children

Long Melford Cricket Club

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INTRODUCTION

This policy is in place to make sure that all members of Long Melford Cricket Club understand the guidelines around Transporting Under 18s.

SCOPE

This Policy is for all members on Long Melford Cricket club being over 18 or under 18. Male or female.

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

The issue of transporting children has become very sensitive for sports leaders and parents. Long Melford Cricket Club stance is that it is the parents or other adults responsibility for transporting players to and from matches and practice sessions.

On occasion particularly around touring, Long Melford Cricket Club will arrange group transport to fixtures/ festivals in a mini-bus or coach.

The implementation of this policy is absolutely not intended to exclude any player from participation and parents or guardians should contact the Club or County Safeguarding Officer if they have any problems with the transportations of players to matches or practice sessions.

Coaches and Managers will be responsible for children in their care when at a cricket club or on arrival at opponents' cricket grounds. It is not the responsibility of the coaches or team Manager to transport or arrange to transport the children to and from club matches.

Long Melford Cricket Club will follow best practice in:

- Distribute information as soon as practicable relating to all planned away fixtures or competitions to provide Parents/ Carers with an opportunity to make appropriate arrangements.
- Are not liable or responsible for any private transportation arrangements organised by parent or carers with, other family members, friends or even other club members in connection with getting their child to and or from club fixtures or training sessions.
- Parents/Carers are advised that when arranging lifts for their children with third parties, it is their responsibility to check that appropriate and up to date insurances and licensing documentation is held by the owner/ driver of the vehicle.
- Club must receive permission from Parents/ Carers for children to participate in all competitions and away fixtures/events. This permission is by written consent or accepting the spond invitation.
- Players do not leave the playing facility whether at home or away without notifying the Coach or Team Manager. It is also the policy of the Club that parents/carers do not take their children away before the ground is tidied away (where required) and the coach is able to release the players in a controlled way.
- Parents/Carers who knowingly are going to be late delivering or collecting their children must take reasonable steps to inform the coach/ team manager as soon as possible, so suitable arrangements can be made. In the case of no such communication the coach or team manager will take reasonable steps to contact the parent/carer or alternative adult contact (as detailed on our registration forms).
- Parents/ guardians should have a contact number for the club/ coach to inform them of emergencies and possible late collections.

Best practice is clearly to avoid transporting a child along. But Long Melford Cricket Club recognises that in some circumstances it is an essential part of a child's participation in training and competition.

If all alternatives have been exhausted and an adult has to transport a child there are a number of safety measures that need to be in place to minimize the risk:

- The driver like all coaches/volunteers who have access to children should hold a current ECB vetting check (DBS).
- Parents should be informed of the person who will be transporting their child, the reason why and how long the journey will take.
- The driver must ensure that they have insurance to carry others, particularly if they are in a paid position or claiming expenses.
- The driver MUST have more than one child in the car.
- The person who takes the children home should be alternated: this would reduce the risk of any one individual from always being alone with the child.
- The driver should have a point of contact and mobile phone should they break down.
- Children should wear seatbelts at all times.

The Transportation Policy was written following the ECB Safe hands Guidelines and selection of county cricket clubs across the country. With thanks to all for their guidance and support.

BREACH OF POLICY

If there is a breach of the policy or you feel there has been please contact the club welfare officer -Shelley Davey jsjdavey27@gmail.com, as soon as possible.

If you are found to be in breach of this policy this will be investigated by either your club's welfare officer, county welfare officer, or ECB safeguarding team. You will also be asked not to attend the club until this matter is resolved.