



Edenbridge CC recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all young people in sport and has adopted the ECB guidelines on “Junior Cricketers playing in Adult Matches” as set out in ‘Safe Hands’ Crickets policy for safeguarding children.

Edenbridge CC acknowledges that they have a duty of care towards all young players who represent the Club and this is interpreted in the following two ways:

1. We will not place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking into account the circumstances of the match and relative skills of the player.
2. Not to 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.

In accordance with ECB guidelines covering the participation of young cricketers in adult matches Edenbridge CC has adopted the following regulations:

1. 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.

NB: Edenbridge CC intends to strictly follow the ECB guidelines in this matter, and will not accept parents or guardians written consent not to allow their child to wear a helmet.

2. The ECB fielding regulations will be adhered to, which state:
No young player in the Under 15 age group, or younger, shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball. For players in the Under 13 age group and below, the distance is 11 yards.

3. The ECB fast bowling directive will be adhered to in order to guard against potential injury from overbowling. The directive for matches is:

AGE	MAX OVERS PER SPELL	MAX OVERS PER DAY
Up to 13	5 overs per spell	10 overs per day
U14, U15	6 overs per spell	12 overs per day
U16, U17	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day
U18, U19	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day

4. All reasonable steps will be taken to make sure that the umpires and captains enforce these regulations. (The umpires are empowered by these fielding and



fast bowling regulations to stop any game immediately if a young player contravenes the directives)

5. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the umpires and captains are notified 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 requirement will also cover any young player taking the field as a substitute fielder.
6. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players are placed in a cricketing environment that is supportive at all times for all forms of effort, gives encouragement and praise and ensures that the players safety, personal development needs and overall cricket experience are considered.

Under 13 School Year 8 Age Group

Only those junior players in the above age group, who are exceptional talented players, will be selected to play in adult matches. Approval for those players will be given by the Head Coach and Colts Chairman

Parental written consent is required for any player in the Under 13 or below prior to that junior player participating in an adult match.

It is a requirement of Edenbridge CC that a parent, guardian or other identified responsible adult must be present whenever a junior player in the above age groups plays in adult matches. This could include the captain or other identified adult player taking responsibility for the junior player. However the explicit consent of the Captain or other identified adult player must be obtained prior to selection of the junior player in the match. Therefore if a junior player is selected for an adult game and a parent, guardian or other identified responsible adult can not be present, then this may mean that the junior player may not be selected for that match.

NB: The Club policies: Managing Children away from the Club, Transport, and Changing and Showering must be adhered to.