

Woodford Cricket Club
Moor Lane, Woodford, Stockport, Cheshire SK7 1PW



Woodford Cricket Club Inclusion & Diversity Policy

Woodford Cricket Club (WCC) in all its activities is fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity in cricket, and to ensuring that its employees, members and all other individuals working or volunteering for WCC and participating in or watching WCC's activities are treated fairly and are able to conduct their activities free from discrimination, harassment or intimidation.

- Woodford CC in all its activities will not discriminate, or in any way treat anyone less favourably against on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religion or belief or sexual orientation.
- Woodford CC will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of individuals.
- Woodford CC will endeavour to create access and opportunities for all those individuals who wish to participate, and are lawfully eligible to participate, in its activities.
- Woodford CC will ensure that it complies with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that its employees, members and volunteers adhere to these requirements and this policy.
- This policy is fully supported by the Woodford CC's officers and Executive Committee who are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Woodford CC is committed to the investigation of any claims when brought to its attention, of discrimination, harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of an individual, and reserves the right to impose such sanction as it considers appropriate and proportionate, where such is found to be the case.

- In the event that any employee, member, volunteer, participant or spectator feels that he has suffered discrimination, harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation, they should report the matter in writing to the Club Welfare Officer, Deputy CWO or Chairperson of Woodford CC.
- Any such report should include details of what occurred; when and where the occurrence took place; any witness details and copies of any witness statements.
- If the accused individual is an employee or someone who has agreement to operate within the club, the Executive Committee will regard the issue as a disciplinary issue and will follow WCC's employment disciplinary procedure.

If the alleged perpetrator is a non-employee (member), the Executive Committee:

- may decide (at its sole discretion) to uphold or dismiss the complaint without holding a hearing;
 - may (at its sole discretion) hold a hearing at which both parties will be entitled to attend and present their case;
 - will have the power to impose any one or more of the following sanctions on any person found to be in breach of any policy: (a) warn as to future conduct; (b) suspend from membership; (c) remove from membership; (d) exclude a non-member from the facility, either temporarily or permanently; and (e) turn down a non-member's current and/or future membership application; and
 - will provide both parties with written reasons for its decision.
- A party may appeal a decision of the Executive Committee to the relevant County Cricket board by writing to the relevant County Cricket Board within 3 months of WCC's decision being notified to that party.
 - If the nature of the complaint is with regard to the Executive Committee of Woodford CC the complainant may report the complaint directly to the relevant County Cricket Board in this case Cheshire.

This policy will be reviewed by Woodford CC in consultation with the England and Wales Cricket Board Limited.

The Executive Committee

Woodford Cricket Club

30th November 2023

To be reviewed as required or no later than 30th November 2026