

Player Charter of St Lukes Cricket Club

Aim

St Lukes Cricket Club aims to provide a competitive standard of cricket, as consistently as possible that is appropriate to the skills and aspirations of the players. The success of St Lukes relies on the shared commitment of all playing members. All St Lukes players must give their best on the field of play. To succeed St Lukes requires strong commitment from all players in the following:

1. Good availability.
2. Response to administrative needs.
3. Participation in social and other activities.
4. Support of club etiquette.

Availability

A healthy club requires a full programme of matches. We all have conflicting demands on our time (work, family, holidays etc.) but, in order to help St Lukes to be successful, players are expected to:

1. Be available to play 60% to 70% of matches over the season.
2. Provide availability in good time for the Monday night selection decision.
3. Be pro-active and clear in giving availability (ie avoid the need for captains to contact players.)
4. Avoid crying-off having previously made yourself available. (Injuries and emergencies do happen of course, in which case the captain needs to be informed immediately.)

Administration

St Lukes has a number of expenses, including the hire of pitches, the purchase of equipment, and affiliation fees. For the club to operate effectively, players will:

1. If choosing to pay the annual subscription, pay it on or before their first game of the season.
2. Ensure that they do not leave a game without paying their match fee and made their future availability known.
3. Remain to socialise with teammates and opposition for at least one drink after games (which is possible even for those who do not drink alcohol).
4. Check with the captain before assuming that a match has been cancelled (eg. for bad weather).

Participation

St Lukes encourages players from all walks of life and is made up of a disparate group of people. Friendships are made both on and off the pitch. Wives, partners and younger family members should feel welcome and able to join in. Team spirit is improved by strong social bonds. At St Lukes:

1. Socialising after matches is an important part of being a St Lukes team player.
2. All players should feel able to invite their wives, partners and families to games and to introduce them to other members and guests.
3. Established players take responsibility for introducing themselves to new members and making their wives, partners and families feel welcome.
4. Every member is invited to support club social events.

Code of Conduct and Match Day Etiquette

St Lukes strives to attain the highest standard of conduct, behaviour and etiquette from its members and supporters. Captains are responsible for ensuring that players conduct themselves in such a manner that ensures that the Spirit of Cricket as well as the Laws of the Game are followed and a high team and personal standard is maintained. Players are expected to play fair and respect opponents, umpires, colleagues and their captain. Thus the following rules are to be adhered to:

1. Arrive on time for matches and when meeting for away games (at the ground no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of play).
2. Ensure that the correct cricket clothing is worn at all times (ie no black trainers, dark socks, t-shirts etc).
3. Players must not leave before the end of the game, unless in an emergency, without permission of the captain.
4. Agree, where necessary, to share in duties such as scoring, umpiring etc if the captain requests it.
5. Players must not be abusive, by word or deed (including racial abuse), violent or intimidate opponents or umpires, challenge umpires' decisions or show dissent, cheat.

IN RETURN:

On its part, in return for agreement and commitment to the above on the part of playing members, St Lukes undertakes to provide the following:

- A copy of the club's fixture card before the season starts which includes the contact details of captains and other Committee members.
- Plenty of playing opportunities.
- Early notification of team selections via the following means:
 - Club Website: www.stlukescricketclub.co.uk.
 - Email or phone call.
- Nets between February and April.
- Match reports posted on the website.
- Newsletters.
- Social events.
- Club annual tour.

The Committee encourages questions and feedback from members about playing arrangements at the club. New members, in particular, should not be reticent about raising any queries or concerns with their captains or other Committee members.