

# **Bowdon Vale Cricket Club Inclusion and Diversity Policy Statement**

Bowdon Vale Cricket Club prides itself in attracting participation from across all communities in Trafford.

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

Specifically: -

- Bowdon Vale Cricket Club 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.
- Bowdon Vale Cricket Club will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation
- Bowdon Vale Cricket Club will endeavour to create access and opportunities for all those individuals who wish to participate, and are lawfully eligible to participate,
- Bowdon Vale Cricket Club 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 Bowdon Vale Cricket Club's officers and Executive committee who are responsible for the implementation of this policy. Bowdon Vale Cricket Club 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 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 Chairman who will inform the Committee. 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.
- The 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 Committee to the relevant County Cricket board by writing to the relevant County Cricket Board within 3 months of Bowdon Vale Cricket Club's decision being notified to that party.
- If the nature of the complaint is with regard to the Committee, the complainant may report the complaint directly to the relevant County Cricket Board.