**Policy on transport of children to and from junior matches and training**

* It is the responsibility of parents/carers to transport their child/children to and from matches and training sessions.
* It is not the responsibility of the coach or team manager to transport, or arrange transport of, children to and from Actonians Cricket Club (The Club), to training or matches.
* The club will ensure that it notifies parents/carers that they are responsible for the safe delivery and collection of their child for matches or training when joining the club.
* Where possible, information of fixtures and training sessions will be provided at the start of the season, giving parents and carers the opportunity to make appropriate arrangements.
* The Club will receive permission from parents/carers for their child/children to participate in all matches and competitions.
* The Club coaches will be responsible for children in our care when on club premises or on arrival at opponents’ cricket grounds.
* If a parent/carer is late to collect their child/children the Club will:

- Attempt to contact the parent/carer on contact numbers provided, followed by the emergency contact number.

- wait with the child/children with, wherever possible, another adult.

- If the parent/carer remains out of contact, the Club will report the situation to the Police, Social Services and the Club Welfare Officer.

**Policy on transport of junior members of the Club to Open Age cricket**

* It is the responsibility of parents/carers to transport, or arrange the transport of, their child/children to training and matches.
* It is not the responsibility of any senior member of the Club to transport, or arrange the transport of, junior members to training or matches.
* If a parent/carer arranges for another member of the team to transport their child/children to a match or training, a parental consent form must be signed and, on doing so, it is assumed that the parent/carer has read the Club's policy on transport and gives their permission for their child to travel with another member of the team.
* It is thus acknowledged that the arrangement is an informal one between the parent/carer and the player, not the parent/carer and the Club.
* No senior member of the Club in a position of authority will transport a junior member.
* Any member agreeing to transport a junior member will ensure that:

- The vehicle is roadworthy and appropriately insured

- Seat belts are worn

- Junior players are seated in the rear seats

- They are never alone with a junior player

* The Club will not be held liable in any way or assume any responsibility.

If you have any questions over these guidelines please do not hesitate to contact our Welfare Officer.