



Heligoland Pilgrims Cricket Club e.V.-1745

Pilgrims Manifest

Heligoland Pilgrims was founded in 2012 by Mark Richardson and other cricket enthusiasts who perceived cricket not merely as a sport, but also as a state of mind. They have vowed not to take part in the German league, to abstain from votes in national and regional cricket associations and, above all, to promote cricket in the most positive way at home and abroad.

Heligoland Pilgrims take pride in having advanced to Germany's probably most exclusive cricket club and wish to remain distinct. They are a social cricket club for everyone, playing friendlies, with the most important goal being that each and everyone enjoys it. The Pilgrims play to play cricket, not to win anything, and every player shall have the chance to play.

Pilgrims will approach every club event with a fun mindset, and bring positive energy and a good attitude to every match, tour, meeting, excursion and social gathering. They will encourage all teammates and help them have a go, give their best and enjoy their cricket together. They will always volunteer to help: to score, umpire, set up, pack up, carry drinks and whatever is required.

Pilgrims will never show negative behaviour on or off the field, nor criticise, chastise or sledge a teammate, an official, a spectator or a member of the opposition. They will never laugh at failures or failings of others, nor play cruel jokes on other players.

Heligoland Pilgrims abide by and endorse the Preamble to the MCC Laws of Cricket:

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket: Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires. Play hard and play fair. Accept the umpire's decision. Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise. Show self-discipline, even when things go against you. Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team. Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

Pilgrims not abiding by or endorsing this Manifest become ineligible to play matches for the club. It is the board's obligation to make sure this is observed. Ineligible players are entitled to a fair chance to redeem themselves. It is the board's obligation to oversee this in an appropriate manner.