

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE GAME OF HOCKEY

Hockey should be enjoyable for everyone participating in the game, whether they are playing, umpiring, coaching or just watching from the sideline. Everyone is an ambassador for the game and their individual club.

The following information is a guideline for ALL clubs and schools.

SPECTATORS

Spectators must behave in a respectable manner. They may encourage their team/teams and praise individual performance from players.

- They may not bring the game into disrepute by making derogatory comments to, or about players, umpires or coaches prior to, during or after the game.
- They may not enter the confines of the pitch area
- They may not verbally abuse umpires, players or coaches or argue with any other spectators
- They must not swear
- Clubs/Schools are responsible for the behaviour of their players/coaches and spectators

COACHES

Coaches must behave in a respectable manner. They may encourage their team.

- Coaches must remain within the designated area
- Coaches may not argue, or make derogatory comments to or about the umpire, prior to, during or after the game
- Coaches must not try to intimidate the umpire during the game
- Coaches must treat fellow coaches, players and umpires with respect
- Coaches should not get involved in an arguments with spectators before, during or after the game
- Coaches must not swear or use abusive language

PLAYERS

- Players must not physically assault coaches, umpires or spectators in any way
- Players must not strike at another player with their stick
- Players must respect the umpires and their decisions
- Players may not crowd the umpire
- Any queries to the umpire must be communicated through the captain in a respectful way
- Players must not verbally abuse the umpires, coaches or spectators, before, during or after the game
- Players must not swear
- Players must respect the opposition
- Players should shake hands with the opposition after the game to uphold the etiquette of the game

UMPIRES

- Umpires are responsible for the control of the game
- They must umpire by the rules of the game
- Umpires must not physically abuse their fellow umpire, players, coaches or spectators in any way before, during or after the game
- Umpires must not use abusive language or swear at players, coaches or spectators
- Umpires should respect their colleague, other umpires and their decisions
- Umpires must umpire the game with a sense of integrity and fairness
- Umpires should not be biased in any way or show favouritism to any team
- Umpires must not use phones or listen to radios, or be distracted in any way during the game
- While umpiring a game, umpires must not coach a team
- Umpires may not make any media statements which are detrimental to be the game of hockey