

Winchester Hockey Club  
**Junior Club – Rules & Conduct**



**For Parents / Guardians / Carers, Spectators and Players**

Winchester Hockey Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, and coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with their Coach or Team Manager, or if necessary, the Club's Child Welfare Officer.

*Winchester Hockey Club has a totally open and equitable policy of welcoming and encouraging players of all abilities, and all documents relating to Club Rules and Policy can be accessed from the Club's web site*

As a member of Winchester Hockey Club you are expected to abide by the following junior and hockey rules, and Club code's of conduct; Parents are expected to fully support these rules, and their child's development within this environment:

- All members must play within the rules, and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect and show courtesy to opponents.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit including mouth and shin guards, protective glove, for training and match sessions, and bring along adequate drinks, sun-tan lotion, and protective clothing, as adequate (sun hat / waterproofs!), as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training, matches or events, and their subscriptions, promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on club premises or whilst representing the club at any time.
- Parents must ensure that their child is fully registered with the Club, and that the Club has the latest and up to date health and contact information for their child.
- Players will arrive promptly for their coaching sessions and matches, and Parents must ensure that children are safely delivered to the Coach on the pitch, and not dropped off in the Car Park, and subsequently collected from the pitch.
- The annual Club membership and registration form will require completion, and subsequently, acceptance of these rules.
- Hockey is essentially a non-contact sport. Any unnecessary roughness or forms of bullying, foul language or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated, and may result in a player being excluded from training sessions, matches or any other event.
- Parents are expected to encourage their children to play within the rules, encouraging fair play by applauding the good performances of all participants. Parents will publicly accept official's judgement, and support their child's involvement and to help them enjoy their sport.

*The Clubs has a designated Welfare Officer (CWO); their contact details are clearly shown on the Club's website, and any concerns should be directed to this person.*

