

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.

In line with England Hockey, the following are the expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct:-

- All individuals involved in hockey will, at all times:
- Respect the spirit of fair play in hockey. This is more than playing within the rules. It also incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always participating with the right spirit.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Protect themselves and others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures.
- Abide by the EHB Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy and Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines.
- Abide by the EHB Equality Policy.
- Abide by the EHB Anti-doping Rules.
- Take personal responsibility to ensure that they are suitably insured for their activities.

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, 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.

Winchester Hockey Club Junior Club – Rules & Code of Conduct



- 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 at end of session.
- The annual Club membership and registration form will require completion, and subsequently, acceptance of these rules.
- 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 Club 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.

England Hockey – Code of Behaviour for Parents and all Spectators involved in Hockey.

The parts in *bold italics* highlight the specific elements which apply to this particular group. Although the emphasis of this code is on young people, this is not exclusive to young people's activity and it is recognised that parents and spectators will also be present at senior games. In order to protect the reputation of hockey in England, the code also applies to all those associated with the EHB who are involved in hockey whilst outside England.

Expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct

All such individuals involved in hockey will, at all times:

Respect the spirit of fair play in hockey. This is more than playing within the rules. It also incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always participating with the right spirit.

Focus on the young people's efforts and enjoyment rather than winning or losing.

Teach young people that honest effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

Remember that people learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants.

Encourage people always to settle disagreements amicably without resorting to hostility or violence.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.

Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players and spectators.

Respect the decisions of officials at all times, and teach young people to do the same.

Leave the coach to communicate with individual players on the field of play.

Show an appreciation for volunteer coaches and administrators – their efforts contribute hugely to young people being able to participate.

Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.

Inform the team coach, manager, captain or, if there is one, another member of a management team of any new or changed injury, health or welfare issue which they consider is appropriate for them to know.

Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.

Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.

Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.

Never ridicule or admonish a young person for making a mistake or losing a competition.

Never use inappropriate language and gestures.

Support all efforts to remove bad or abusive language and unsporting behaviour.