

Code of Conduct for Parents



Hockey believes that parents should:

- Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect the outcome of a game, a player or the opponent.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question their judgment or honesty.
- Respect Children's Officers, Designated Persons, coaches, umpires, youth organisers, managers and other players.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides. Encourage mutual respect for teammates and opponents.
- Take an interest in your child's sport and support the child's participation in their chosen activity.
- Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms.

Parents should always:

- Respect the rules and procedures set down in hockey.
- Respect their child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.
- Encourage their child to treat other participants, coaches, children's officers, officials, selectors and managers with respect.
- Give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from their own child, his/her teammates, the opponents or officials.
- Respect their child's leaders and support his/her efforts.
- Respect the officials and their authority during sessions and events within the club and under the auspices of IHA.
- Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.