

Monkstown Hockey Club Sideline Policy

One of the aims of Monkstown Academy is that players learn to play hockey in a fun, positive environment. International best practice suggests that young players learn more and perform better when allowed to make their own decisions, and mistakes. The best decision makers become the best players so children need to think for themselves and learn by their own successes and mistakes and not to have instructions shouted at them from the side-line. The coach will give advice as required and this will generally be done when the player is off the pitch or at half time / after the game.

The emphasis on the game should be how it's played, not about the result. We ask that you support the team and not just your own child and that you applaud good play by either side.

Any discussion with your child after the game should focus on the positives to make the memory a good one.

Therefore, while we definitely encourage supporters to come along we ask you to remember:

Let the players play
Let the coaches coach
Let the umpires umpire

