

Code of Conduct for Parents



Monkstown Hockey Club believes that parents play a key role in the promotion of an ethical approach to young people's enjoyment in sport. Sports leaders need the support of parents & guardians in conveying the SAFE, FUN & FAIR PLAY message. In supporting the implementation of best practice policies 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.
- Respect the rules and procedures set down in hockey.
- Always respect and 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 your child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- 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.
- Give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from their own child, his/her teammates, the opponents or officials.
- Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive and bullying behaviour in all its forms.
- Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.
- Know your child's training / match schedule and accept it is your responsibility for dropping and collecting your child on time.

Parents should always:

- Encourage your child to play by the rules
- Encourage your child to treat other participants, coaches, children's officers, officials, selectors and managers with respect.
- Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Allow your child to focus on their efforts and successes, rather than winning being the main objective.
- Ensure your child knows to arrive to training in appropriate attire and with the necessary safety equipment (gum shield / shin pads)