

# Code of Conduct

## Hockey Mentors



A code of conduct is designed to ensure we all know how to behave when representing Hockey Mentors on and off the pitch.

The following Codes of Conduct are based on the concept of fair play, defined by:

- Respect for the rules of Hockey.
- Respect for the officials and their decisions, at all times.
- Respect for all participants, including team-mates, coaches, opponents, parents and spectators.
- Maintaining positive self-control at all times.

## PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

### Obligations towards the game

As a Hockey Mentors player, you should:

1. Make every effort to develop your own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and play fairly.
3. Encourage and support your teammates at all times on/off the pitch. Negative comments towards other players are completely unacceptable and will result in not being considered for selection in future matches/events.
4. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
5. Display good sportsmanship at all times.



6. Always, regardless of the result, shake hands with your opponents at the end of the game and look them in the eye;
7. Never use foul or abusive language to either your team-mates, officials, spectators or opponents.

### **Respect for the rules of the game and the competition**

A Hockey Mentors player should:

1. Know and abide by the rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.

### **Respect towards Opponents**

A Hockey Mentors player should always:

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid dangerous play, and help injured opponents.

### **Respect towards Umpires**

A Hockey Mentors player should always:

1. Accept the decisions of the Umpires without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions, which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Umpires at all times.



## **Respect towards Team Officials**

A Hockey Mentors player should always:

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.
2. Show due respect towards Team Officials of the opposition.

## **Substance Use or Possession**

As a Hockey Mentors player, you must:

1. Never participate or be in possession of drugs or alcohol.
2. Notify a coach or manager immediately of any suspicion of drugs or alcohol involvement by a player.

It is considered a violation of this Policy if a player possesses, uses, distributes or sells illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, paraphernalia, controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.

## **PARENTS & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

In addition to the Players Code of Conduct, a Hockey Mentors parent/spectator should:

1. Never shout any coaching instruction to any player from the sideline as a parent/spectator. Instructions around passing, leading, dribbling all fall under coaching instruction- please let the Hockey Mentors coach do the coaching.
2. Happily shout, cheer and support the team to encourage them along.



3. And must respect players, coaches and officials and their decisions. The use of bad language or negative comments which may cause offence will not be tolerated. Parents/spectators displaying these kinds of behaviours will be asked to leave the pitch and Hockey Mentors reserves the right to ask the relevant player to leave the Hockey Mentors programmes.
4. Parents/spectators should applaud good play on both teams.