



WOODVILLE

HOCKEY CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT - COACHES

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure - winning is only part of the fun;
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport -help your players to understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility;
- Relate to officials in a courteous and polite way;
- Implement relevant sport safety policies and practices;
- Implement policy and practices (and lead by example) - in relation to responsible use of alcohol and in relation to recreational and performance enhancing drugs;
- Listen to your players - ensure that the time they spend with you is a positive experience;
- Encourage young people to participate in administration, coaching and officiating - as well as playing;
- Promote a culturally tolerant environment;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- Keep up to date with coaching practices and qualifications -ensure you understand the principles of physical growth and development;
- Give young people the chance to try out different playing positions;
- Ensure you are aware of your club's child safe policy - ensure you are aware of your mandated responsibility to report suspicion of child abuse and neglect. Report child abuse on 131478;
- Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate -is it necessary for the player's skill development;
- Avoid developing any 'special' relationships with children - ensure that you show no favouritism such as the offering of gifts or special treatment. This includes intimate relationships and personal online social networking with team members.

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