



Parent / Guardian Code of Behaviour

1. Parents/Guardians shall at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behaviour.
2. Parents/Guardians shall at all times respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them, and let the coaches do the coaching.
3. Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
4. Respect the umpires' decision. Do not abuse, threaten or intimidate an umpire or match official and do not show dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards an umpire or match official's decision in an abusive or unreasonable fashion.
5. Never publicly criticize umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
6. Support skilled performances.
7. Show respect for opponents.
8. Display appropriate social behaviour by not using profane, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators. Show appreciation for good performance and skillful plays by all including opposition.
9. Do not throw any object.
10. Barrack in a positive way.
11. Leave the area tidy and free from litter or other mess.
12. Remember that your child and other children participate in the sport of hockey for their enjoyment not yours.
13. Never ridicule mistakes or losses, be understanding and supportive and focus on their efforts instead.
14. Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
15. Be mindful that any poor behavior on your part could result in an Umpire issuing a warning to the team captain of the team you are a spectator/s of. This is to let the spectators know that their team will lose points if they continue to behave in a manner not in line with the code of behaviour.
16. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your children and team-mates. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your children and teammates, from other sources whilst they are in your care.
17. Refrain from any form of harassment towards athletes, spectators or officials. This includes sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability.
18. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
19. Be a positive role model for your children. Please note: This policy is binding to parents & guardians who have signed an agreement reflecting the Code of Behaviour with either HA or a Member⁷

⁷ This means a State Association or its board, committee/s, sub-committee/s or advisory panel, an Affiliated Association and/or Affiliated Club or their board, committee/s, sub-committee/s or advisory panel