



Code of Conduct

All Members and their Parents including Coaches, Managers, Referees and Committee members will conduct themselves in accordance with the following Codes of Conduct, as agreed on their signed Application for Membership Form:

Players

Players are:

- i) to play by the peak body rules of in-line hockey;
- ii) never to argue with officials
- iii) never to verbally or otherwise abuse Game Officials, Referees, Coaches, Managers or other team members
- iv) not to swear on or off the rink;
- v) not to exhibit behaviour that is illegal, disruptive of team harmony, or likely to cause offence to coaches, managers, parents, team members or members of the general public;
- vi) if under eighteen (18) years of age, not to consume alcohol
- vii) not to play hockey under the influence of alcohol, recreational drugs or performance-enhancing drugs;
- viii) to practice good sportsmanship;
- ix) to co-operate with Officials, Coaches, Managers and other team members;
- x) to understand that tournaments are an opportunity for players to improve their hockey skills and not an opportunity to misbehave
- xi) to play not only to win but for fun.

Coaches

Coaches are:

- i) never to ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing;
- ii) to be reasonable in demands on player's time energy and enthusiasm;
- iii) to teach players to follow the rules;
- iv) not to coach hockey under the influence of alcohol, recreational drugs or performance-enhancing drugs
- v) to, whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success;
- vi) to ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of players;
- vii) to develop team respect for the judgement of officials;
- viii) to follow the advice of physician when determining when a player is injured;
- ix) to keep up to date with the latest coaching practices.

Officials

Officials are:

- i) to ensure that the rules and regulations match the skill levels and needs of players;
- ii) to compliment and encourage all players;
- iii) to be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- iv) not to officiate hockey games under the influence of alcohol, recreational drugs or performance-enhancing drugs
- v) to condemn unsportsmanlike behaviour from all participants in in-line hockey
- vi) to be a good sport themselves;
- vii) to be up to date with the latest developments;
- viii) to set a positive example.

Parents

Parents are:

- i) to remember that children play for their enjoyment;
- ii) to encourage children to play, and not force them;
- iii) not to attend hockey games under the influence of alcohol, recreational drugs or performance-enhancing drugs;
- iv) to focus on their child's efforts rather than winning or losing;
- v) never to ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake;
- vi) to applaud good plays on both teams;
- vii) to support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from the sport;
- viii) to respect the decisions of officials and teach the players to do likewise;
- ix) to show appreciation of the efforts of volunteers.

Spectators

Spectators are:

- i) to applaud good performances and efforts of each team;
- ii) to respect the decisions of officials and teach the players to do the same;
- iii) to condemn the use of violence in any form, by spectators, officials or players;
- iv) to encourage the players to follow the rules.