



Southgate Hockey Club – code of conduct

All club *members*, *coaches* (coaching on behalf of the club), *parents* (of juniors attending club sessions), and *spectators* (attending matches at premises under the club's control) are expected to conduct themselves, at all times, with a high regard to the values of *safety*, *respect* and *fair play*, whenever they are engaged in club-related activity.

Safety

- players shall always ensure they abide by the letter and spirit of the Rules of Hockey in relation to danger
- coaches shall ensure that training sessions are conducted safely, and that all participants understand the standards of safety required of them

Respect

- everyone is expected to maintain a high standard of courtesy in relation to other participants, whether they are club people or not
- everyone is expected to uphold the values in the club's Equity Policy, which promotes fairness for all in sport

Fair Play

- everyone is expected to behave in good faith towards others, including opposing teams, in the spirit of good sportsmanship

Players

- **Officials/umpires** - Respect officials and their decisions. Do not argue with the umpires even if you feel a wrong decision has been made. Get on and play the game.
- **Opponents** - Respect your opponents. Be competitive but not overly aggressive. Do not bad mouth opposition. If you are home, welcome them to the club and look after them after the game. If away, respect their ground and facilities. If they have provided teas, make the effort to stay on even if it is a short drive to their club house.
- **Timing** – Make sure you arrive on time for training and games. Let your manager or coach know if you are going to be late for a game.
- **Equipment** – make sure you are properly dressed with shin pads and a gum shield.
- **Membership** - Players must pay their memberships and training fees promptly.

Parents

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performance of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Publicly accept officials judgements
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Offer positive support during games but do not "coach" your child or issue instructions as these might be contrary to the instructions from the coach.
- Parents/Carers MUST accompany their children to the playing area and ensure that the coaches and or officials are present rather than just "drop them off" in the car park.