



WEST HERTS HOCKEY CLUB

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WEST HERTS HOCKEY CLUB Code of Conduct for Junior Players

West Herts Hockey Club is committed to the view that everybody has a responsibility to 'play the game' - players, coaches, team managers, officials, leaders, administrators, parents and spectators.

Together their attitudes and actions can ensure high standards of sporting behavior and help to emphasise fun friendly and individual fulfillment.

West Herts Hockey Club runs its' youth development programme with certain principles of participation in mind. These principles are set out below and members must endeavor to abide by them.

Principles Code of conduct for players

Fairness

Treat others with the same respect and fairness that you would like them to show you.

Winning at all costs is not encouraged - play by the rules.

Be a good sport and applaud good moves by your team and the opposing team.

Independence

Do things for yourself before expecting others to do them for you.

Take responsibility for your own decisions on the pitch.

Listen, learn and practice.

Anticipate your own needs, be organised and on time.

Co-operation

Co-operate with your coach, team-mates, umpires, and opponents - without them you do not have a game.

Acknowledge, respect, and thank officials and opposing players.

Tolerance

Show patience with others; encourage each other and never criticise.

Accept decisions of umpires or coaches without question or signs of disagreement - tolerance will improve your game.

Accept defeat with dignity.

Control your temper and act with dignity at all times.

Never retaliate in any way or for any reason.

Never use foul or abusive language.



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Responsibility

Attend training sessions and try to be available for all matches -advise your captain/ coach if unavailable.

Wear suitable kit, including shin pads, when training and playing in matches - wearing a mouth guard is strongly recommended.

Work equally hard for yourself & your team - your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.

Look out for yourself and others and challenge those whose behaviour falls below the expected standards.

Speak out if anything makes you concerned or uncomfortable.

Good behaviour applies when on and off the pitch - you are a representative of the club and must uphold its good reputation.

Do not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs, on club premises or when representing the club.

Friendship

Keep in touch with the friends you make.

Take time to thank those who help you take part, whether family, organisers or team mates.

Inclusiveness

Appreciate that we all bring something valuable and different to our sport.

Value and learn from the variety that you observe in other people and places.

Fun!

Remember that the aim of the game is to have fun and to improve your skills