



WEST HERTS HOCKEY CLUB

Established 1921

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Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers & Spectators

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 behaviour and help to emphasise fun friendly and individual fulfillment.

As parents & spectators, you play an important role in promoting a child's happiness and success in sport. Your expectations have a significant bearing on a child's attitude to participation in sport. In respect to this;

Please DO

Find out what your child wants from sport, help set realistic targets to achieve this, and foster enthusiastic participation - remember that children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment.

Encourage your child to learn and play by the rules, and discourage arguing with officials or opponents.

Teach your child that honest effort and teamwork are as important as victory.

Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.

Recognise the value and importance of coaches - help them when asked, and show appreciation of a job well done - they volunteer their time to provide sporting opportunities for your child.

Inform your child's coach about any illness, injury, holidays, or unavailability, and communicate any concerns to the coach.

Leave the coach to communicate with individual players on the field of play.

Respect and publicly accept the judgments of officials and coaches.

Set an example by being friendly to the parents of the opposition and officials.

Support your child's involvement and relax and enjoy the game whether your team wins or not.

Remember that good sporting habits fostered now will last a lifetime.

Please DON'T

Force an unwilling child to participate in sport.

Ever punish or belittle a child for making a mistake or losing.

Undermine the authority of coaches/team managers by your actions or words.

Question publicly the officials' judgment and honesty

Harass, or argue with players, coaches, umpires, or other spectators

NameSigned Date