



CITY OF YORK
HOCKEY CLUB



Safeguarding and Protecting Young People

Code of Conduct for Young People

As a young member of the City of York Hockey Club you are expected to uphold the England Hockey 'Spirit of Hockey' values and the following code of conduct:

- Uphold the **England Hockey 'Spirit of Hockey' values** (click on this [link](#) to find out more). This code is more than just playing within the rules, it also incorporates the concepts of respect for others, friendship and always participating with the right spirit.
- Arrive at all training sessions and competitions in good time.
- Wear suitable kit (including a **mouthguard**, **shinpads** and astro/hockey shoes) and appropriate seasonal clothing for all training and competition activity, as agreed with the coach.
- Wear facemasks for short corners as directed.
- **Not touch or tamper with other people's equipment or clothing.**
- **Respect equipment belonging to the club**, such as goalkeeping kits, goals and balls.
- **Play within the rules** and respect your coaches & officials and all their decisions.
- Demonstrate **good sportsmanship** by acknowledging all good performances, whether they are made by your club or the opposition.
- Be aware that swearing or any form of verbal abuse towards coaches, officials and other players, or deliberately distracting/provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.
- **Respect all players at the club** regardless of their sex, ability, disability, cultural background or religion.
- **Treat all participants in hockey as you would like to be treated** - not bullying or taking unfair advantage of another participant: this extends to the use of any social media (such as WhatsApp) or other electronic communication between members.
- Cooperate with your coach, club-mates and opponents, remembering that without them there would be no competition.
- Thank coaches, volunteers, officials and opponents after club activities and competitions.



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Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers and Other Supporters

It is our aim at CoYHC to make playing hockey a fun, rewarding, challenging and safe experience for all.

Parents/carers are asked to support us along this journey by helping to maintain the welfare of their child at the club.

To ensure the partnership between home and the club is set and maintained at a high standard, we have developed a contract for parents/carers that is proportionate to the age of the child, which we need you to agree to:

Under 8 – Parents/carers to be pitch side at all times during sessions to assist coaches with injuries/toilet breaks/supervision away from the pitch.

Under 10 and Under 12 – Parents/Carers to be on site (i.e. grounds of the School – Huntington/Vale of York, Sports Centre – Energise/York University) and available to assist coaches in the case of injury etc.

Under 14 and Under 16 – Parents/Carers – to drop off/collect and be able to respond quickly from within the local area (i.e. 15 min journey).

As a parent/carers or supporter of a member of the club you are expected to:

- Assist/support your child in arriving to all sessions and competitions in good time to register arrival with the coach.
- If your child is of primary school age (Year 6 and below), accompany your child to the pitch side, and ensure they are registered.
- Know that you are welcome to leave your child at a training session (subject to ages above), but that coaches are only responsible for children while they are on the pitch.
- Provide suitable seasonal kit (including **shinpads** and **mouthguard**) and clothing for all training and competitions.
- Check that all equipment is safe and fit for purpose: ask your coach if you are unsure.
- Inform the coach of any specific health, behavioural support requirements or medical conditions in advance of the coaching sessions by registering on the Club website and completing the medical forms (www.cityofyorkhc.co.uk).

Additional information may be required in certain circumstances, in which case the Club Welfare Officer will speak to you

- Encourage your child to listen effectively, try their best, and follow the rules and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.



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- Help your child to recognise good performance and conduct.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Encourage your child to play 'in the spirit of hockey':
- Demonstrate positive encouragement: Avoid comparing personal performance with others, the Club supports the mantra 'supporting players to be the best they can be'. Never punish or abuse a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements and teach children to do likewise: Discourage unfair play and arguing with umpires. Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their sex, ability, disability, cultural background or religion.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Leave the coach to communicate with individual players on the field of play.
- Show appreciation and respect for coaches, officials and administrators. Remember, without them, your child could not participate. The majority of coaches and officials are volunteers.
- Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own performance.

Thank you for your continued support.

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