



Avon Hockey Club

Code of Conduct Policy

The following Code of Conduct applies to all Avon Hockey Club members and anyone associated to our teams. This includes, but is not limited to, players, coaches, managers, officials, spectators and parents. Avon Hockey Club expects all members and associated individuals to abide by the Code of Conduct as it upholds the values and principles of our club. Any breaches of this code will be dealt with by the Avon Hockey Club Committee.

General Code of Conduct for All

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this code of conduct.
- Be professional in your manner and language, and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Comply with umpire's decisions in a professional and respectful manner.
- Accept victory and defeat with dignity.
- Any form of harassment, violence, discrimination, and/or abuse of others will not be tolerated.
- Neither argue with, nor verbally abuse an umpire or official. Respect the laws of the game.
- Show respect for the opposition and umpires
- Remember, it is just a game.
- Refrain from swearing or using abusive language.
- Resolve conflicts or issues fairly and promptly through appropriate channels and established procedures.
- Report any alleged breaches of the Regulations or this Code of Conduct to the Avon Hockey Club committee.

Parents, Family Members

In addition to the general requirements all parents, family members and supporters will also:

- Encourage children to play by the rules and make an effort to learn and understand them.
- Support your child and their team mates, understanding that they will make mistakes.
- Refrain from speaking negatively.
- Respect the fact that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on participant's efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Show appreciation for good performance and skilful plays by all players including those in the opposition.
- You are not the coach. Show respect, appreciation and consideration for the coach and their decisions.
- Respect all decisions made by coaches, umpires and officials

- Be a role model by supporting your child.
- Respect the rights of all players
- Applaud effort and hard work as well as success
- Avoid criticising any player on the pitch or at training
- Do not force your child to participate in sport
- Do not shout at or criticise players who make a mistake.
- Do not be rude towards players, other parents coaches and officials
- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.

Coach

In addition to the general requirements all coaches will also:

- Help your players learn good hockey skills and game play.
- Understand that players will make mistakes.
- Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each player.
- Treat each player as an individual and help them reach their full potential.
- Ensure you and your players understand and abide by the principles of sportsmanship and fair play.

Players

In addition to the general requirements all players will also:

- Play to win but play fair
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow participants and competitors.
- Respect your coach's decisions and be honest with them about illness and injury.
- Perform any duties and responsibilities where you are a representative of Avon Hockey Club in a fair and professional manner.
- Wear your Avon Hockey uniform with pride.