



ENGLAND  
HOCKEY

# SPIRIT OF HOCKEY

## CODE OF CONDUCT



# INTRODUCTION

Hockey prides itself on fostering an open and welcoming community for individuals from all backgrounds, ensuring that everyone who wants to experience hockey can be involved, feel valued, and be safe. England Hockey is dedicated to promoting and protecting the welfare of all participants, urging everyone to consistently uphold and promote the values and integrity of our sport.

The code of conduct is designed to ensure that everyone in our sport, from players and coaches to umpires, officials, and spectators, contributes to an environment that is safe, respectful, and enjoyable for all.

By adhering to this code and embracing these values, we demonstrate the behaviours expected of participants within the game. These values unite us as a sport—it is reflected in how we communicate, treat each other with respect, act with integrity, behave within our community, involve others, and see hockey as a force for good in society.



# WHAT WE WANT THE SPORT TO BE

Hockey is a sport rooted in inclusivity, mutual support, and respect, where passion fuels participation and challenges are met with resilience.

Winning gracefully, accepting losses with dignity, respecting officials and their decisions are fundamental values we want to continue to be upheld.

This ethos extends beyond the field, encompassing all roles within the game, from administrators to committee members and beyond. By embracing and adhering to this code, we maintain the sport's reputation, support its goals, and enrich its culture.



# SPIRIT OF HOCKEY VALUES

Values uphold and protect our sense of fairness and help define how we behave with each other both on and off the pitch.

Values are not rules, but rather a guide - a moral compass that sets expectations for our behaviour in every aspect of the game.

Whether you are playing, coaching, umpiring, running your club, or managing the governing body, these values guide how we interact and what we can expect from one another





# KEY PRINCIPLES



- Acknowledge, embrace, and respect the diversity of individuals involved in hockey, nurturing an inclusive and welcoming environment regardless of background, ability, or identity.
- Inspire, motivate, and make a positive difference, recognising the influence we can have on the experience of all in the hockey community.
- Contribute to the physical and mental well-being of the hockey community by fostering a positive and supportive environment.



- Play fairly and within the rules of the game, recognising the spirit of fair play in hockey by being respectful towards others.
- Accept defeat graciously, while always displaying good sportsmanship to opponents, coaches, staff and officials.
- Uphold honesty, kindness, and integrity in all our behaviours, whether on the pitch or off it.



- Respect the rights of every individual to participate in hockey, setting a positive example for others.
- Conduct ourselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect our own safety and the safety of others.
- Act responsibly and sustainably, minimising our impact on the environment. Respect facilities and equipment by taking care to leave places clean.



- Be willing to challenge others in the right manner if they are bringing the sport into disrepute and take all possible steps to prevent it.
- Actively promote the reputation of the sport and serve as ambassadors for hockey.
- Demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges.





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