

Poole Hockey Club's Code of Conduct



Poole Hockey Club aims to provide a fun, safe, secure and happy environment to promote positive attitudes and good sporting behaviour in accordance with the [England Hockey \(EH\) Code of Conduct – Spirit of Hockey](#) and [Safeguarding Regulations](#). We encourage everyone who interacts with the club to read these documents.

This overarching Code of Conduct applies to all individuals involved with Poole Hockey Club including players, spectators, parents/guardians, coaches, umpires, and club volunteers. Role-specific guidance is provided in separate documents for the following groups:

- [Coaching and Team Captains](#)
- [Umpires and Officials](#)
- [Players](#)
- [Spectators & Parents/Guardians](#)

All individuals involved in hockey will, at all times:

- Respect the spirit of fair play in hockey. This is more than playing within the rules, it also incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always participating with the right spirit.
- Never use foul, sexist, abusive, racist or any prejudicial language or tolerate it from players and/or officials. Any breaches should be immediately reported by emailing discipline@poolehockeyclub.co.uk.
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour. Never use inappropriate language or gestures. In extreme cases team captains should feel empowered to remove their team from the field of play if they are concerned for players' physical or mental wellbeing.
- Remember that people learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants.
- Encourage people always to settle disagreements amicably without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players and spectators. Conduct yourself in a manner that takes all responsible measures to protect your own safety and the safety of others.
- Do not dispute decisions, the only player who speaks to an umpire should be the team captain.
- Never participate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with equal dignity.
- Welcome opposing teams and supporters before, during and after the match and shake hands with players and officials and offer three cheers.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young participants and spectators.
- Abide by Poole Hockey Club's Safeguarding Policy.
- Show an appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators - their efforts contribute hugely to players of all ages being able to participate in hockey.
- Inform team coaches, captains or another club officials of any new or changed injury, health or welfare issues.
- Promote the reputation of hockey and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.