

Poole Hockey Club's Player Expectations



Poole Hockey Club (PHC) is committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where players of all ages and skill level can develop their hockey abilities, enjoy the sport and achieve their full potential.

This document applies to anyone taking part in playing hockey. The promotion of fun, positive attitudes and good sportsmanship should be the main dynamic of playing hockey and applies to the safety and enjoyment of all participants involved in the sport. It should be read in conjunction with [PHC's overarching Code of Conduct](#), which applies to everyone in the club.

All such individuals involved in playing hockey will, at all times show:

Respect for the game

- 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.
- Be on time for coaching and competitions.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance.
- Always thank your opposition, coaches, umpires and officials after every game or coaching session.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with dignity and set a positive example to others.

Respect for others

- Umpires, officials, coaches, opponents and spectators should be valued.
- Respect the decisions of umpires and officials.
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and other forms of threatening or intimidating behaviour such as bullying.

Self-respect

- Players should take responsibility for their actions on and off the pitch.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures.
- Wear suitable clothing for the activity in which they are taking part.
- Respect the facilities where they play and the equipment that they use.
- Tell someone they trust if the behaviour of others makes them feel uncomfortable in any way.