

# Poole Hockey Club's Spectator & Parent/Guardian Expectations

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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. As a spectator / parent / guardian at PHC, you play a crucial role in this mission.

This document outlines the specific expectations we have of our spectators and parents / guardians to ensure a positive experience for all members of our club. It should be read in conjunction with [PHC's overarching Code of Conduct](#), which applies to everyone in the club.

All spectators and parents/guardians are expected to, 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.
  - Focus on the player's efforts and enjoyment rather than winning or losing.
  - Teach player's that honest effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
  - Remember that people learn best by example.
  - Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants.
  - Encourage players 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.
  - Respect the decisions of officials and teach players to do the same.
  - Leave the coach to communicate with individual players on the field of play.
  - Show an appreciation for coaches and helpers, their efforts contribute hugely to the delivery of hockey.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.
  - Parents/guardians should 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.
  - Remember that players participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
  - Never ridicule or admonish a player for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Never use inappropriate language and gestures.
  - Support all efforts to remove bad or abusive language and unsporting behaviour.