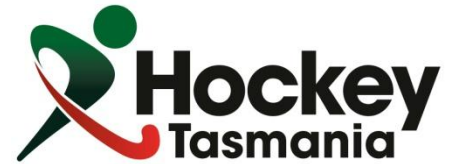


CODES OF BEHAVIOUR



POLICY STATEMENT

Hockey Tasmania Inc is committed to promoting fair play and appropriate behaviour for all sectors of the hockey community. The Association wishes to encourage all concerned to endorse and promote these codes of behaviour. The result will be a better deal for all hockey personnel.

Within hockey, a sporting contest is relished and winners are respected. The struggle for victory is an essential element of the sport, but even more important than winning is the spirit of participation. Winning is important, but it's not the only reason for playing.

All those involved in hockey - players, coaches, managers, selectors, administrators, umpires, officials and spectators - have an important role to play. Individually, and as a group, this Association provides the environment in which hockey is played. The challenge is to encourage all concerned not only to participate in the sport, but to play by the rules, and ensure that everyone gets a "fair go".

The Chief Executive Officer shall periodically review this policy, and may recommend to the Hockey Tasmania Inc Board that it be amended or updated as necessary.

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Umpires and Officials

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels where necessary
- Compliment and encourage all participants
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than errors
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and knowledge of the development of the game
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive
- Always act in the best interests of the Association and do not use information or your position to your own benefit or to the unfair advantage of one part or member of the Association.

Administrators

- Involve as many people as possible in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity
- Give all an equal opportunity to participate
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules suit the age, ability and maturity level of participants
- Appoint persons to provide quality supervision and instruction for all players
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating
- Ensure that everyone involved in the sport emphasises fair play, not winning at all costs
- Provide a Code of Behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, coaches and players and encourage them to stick to it
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Always act in the best interests of the Association and do not use information or your position to your own benefit or to the unfair advantage of one part or member of the Association

Coaches and Managers

- Remember that players participate for a variety of reasons and although winning is important, it may not be the only reason
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills
- Teach your players to follow the rules
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching and umpiring practices
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive
- Respect the umpires' decisions
- Always act in the best interests of the Association and do not use information or your position to your own benefit or to the unfair advantage of one part or member of the Association

Players

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the fun of it, and not just to please others
- Respect the umpires' decisions

Spectators

- Remember that people play sport for their enjoyment as well as yours
- Applaud good performance and efforts from each team, regardless of the game's outcome
- Respect umpires'/officials' decisions and encourage others to do the same
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions
- Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials (including umpires)