



# CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

## PLAYERS

- Play by the rules. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, and so will you.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

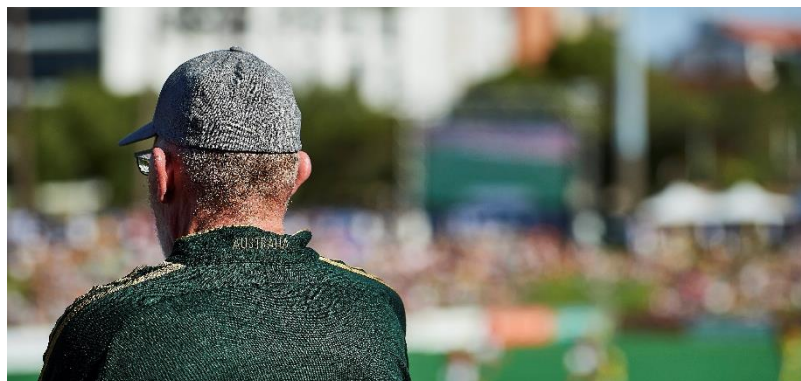




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## PARENTS/SPECTATORS

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition. Positive comments are motivational. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.





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## COACHES

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.
- Hockey WA would like to promote equal opportunities for participation in hockey for all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, gender, age, disability or ethnic origin.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time.
- The rotation of all players through a variety of positions in a game and season allows players to experience the skills and roles required in different positions, and to ensure all players are provided with equal opportunity.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Hockey WA encourages coaches to promote a positive game-day environment by marking their respect (e.g. hand-shake) for all match officials, including umpires and opposition coaches.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Adhere to the Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy as adopted by Hockey WA.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
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## OFFICIALS

- Respect the players, coaches and spectators at the games.
- Remember that you are there to ensure a safe playing environment for everyone.
- Umpire to the age group (rules are not always the first priority in junior games).
- Be flexible to provide an explanation of your decision where the game allows, some juniors are not aware that they are breaking a rule or what the rule is!
- Respect is earned not enforced.
- Shake hands with team captains and coaches and encourage them to do likewise.
- Respect differences in culture, religion, ability and gender.
- Pay particular attention to verbal and physical abuse and deal with it in an appropriate manner.
- Adhere to the Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy as adopted by Hockey WA.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest umpiring practices.

