



Code of Conduct Policy for Parent/Guardian- YM Junior Section

We endeavour to provide the best environment for all young people involved in the sport. Young people deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities free of abuse of any kind.

Parents / Guardians have an important role to play in assisting and encouraging their children to fully participate in hockey whether they are playing games or attending training sessions. With your positive support hockey will be a good experience for your child as well as the coaching staff.

While YMCA Hockey Club recognises that you as a parent / guardian are responsible for the primary care and welfare of your child within hockey, your child will be in the care of the sport leaders of our Club for the duration of events such as training and matches as well as that of the Leinster Hockey Assoc and Hockey Ireland. To make the child's hockey experience free of stress the sport leaders will need your support. You can help and support the implementation of best practise by following the Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians.

Parents / Guardians should:

1. Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials and organisers
2. Be realistic in their expectations
3. Do not exert undue influence on your child
4. Show approval for effort, not just results
5. Do not let their child train or play matches when not feeling well or injured
6. Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks
7. Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting opportunity for your child and do not publicly question their judgement or honesty.
8. Respect Children's Officers, Designated Liaison Persons, coaches, umpires, youth organisers, managers and players from all teams including your own
9. Take an interest in your child's sport and support the child's participation in hockey
10. Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms.



Code of Conduct Form for Parents/Guardians

As a parent / guardian, I will:

1. Make myself aware of and respect the rules and procedures set down by the Club, the Leinster Hockey Assoc. and Hockey Ireland in respect of young people.
2. Respect my child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parent / guardians and coaches from opposing teams.
3. Encourage my child to treat other participants, coaches, children's officers, officials, selectors and managers with respect.
4. Give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.
5. Respect my child's leader(s) and support his/her efforts.
6. Offer support when asked by the sport leaders to ensure the safety and welfare of children.
7. Make sure that my child(ren) will be brought and collected on time to and from the event venue.
8. Respect the officials and their authority during sessions and events within the club and under the auspices of LHA.
9. Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.
10. Not put any disparaging remarks about the staff, players, officials or opponents on email, websites, phone messages, social media or twitter.