



Code of Conduct for Parent/Guardian

Newbridge Hockey Club wants 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.

While the Newbridge HC 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 for the duration of events under the auspices of Newbridge HC. 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 below.

Hockey believes that 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. Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks
3. Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunity for your child. Do not publicly question their judgement or honesty. Respect Children's Officers, Designated Persons, coaches, umpires, youth organisers, managers and other players
4. Encourage your child to play by the rules. Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
5. Take an interest in your child's sport and support the child's participation in their chosen activity
6. Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms.

As a parent / guardian, I will:

1. Make myself aware of and respect the rules and procedures set down by the LHA and IHA 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.

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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.

I agree to abide by the rules and procedures of Hockey and in particular the Guidelines and Code of Conduct for Parent / guardians.