

# The England Hockey Code of Ethics and Behaviour

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## Players

### Terms of reference

The content of this Code of Behaviour applies to all **Players** involved in hockey in England. Clauses in **bold** are from the Generic Code of Behaviour.

In order to protect the reputation of hockey in England, the code also applies to all those associated with England Hockey who are involved in hockey whilst outside England.

### Expected Minimum Standards of Behaviour and Conduct

*All such individuals involved in hockey will, 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.**
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.**
  - Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players and spectators.
- **Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.**
  - Never participate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- **Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.**
  - Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with dignity.
  - Set a positive example for others, particularly young participants and spectators.
- **Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.**
- **Never use inappropriate language or gestures.**
- **Abide by the England Hockey Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy and Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines.**
- **Abide by the England Hockey Equity Policy.**
- **Abide by the England Hockey Anti-Doping Rules.**
- **Take personal responsibility to ensure that they are suitably insured for their activities.**