

South Berkshire Hockey Club
Code of Conduct for Umpires and Officials
September 2016

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*
 - *Encourage both teams to play within the Rules and the spirit of the game*
 - *Be honest, consistent, objective, impartial and courteous when applying the Rules of the game*
 - *Never request inappropriate hospitality of any kind, or accept any hospitality offered that could be considered to be excessive*
 - *In completing reports, set out the true facts and not attempt to justify or embellish any decisions*
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others
 - *Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players and spectators*
 - *Show patience and understanding towards those who may be learning the game*
 - *Never publicly express any criticism of umpires or officials such as match officials and technical officers*
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others
 - *Have regard to protecting the players through the application of the Rules of the game*
 - *Never participate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs*
 - *Competency: Have a current EH accreditation or registration appropriate to the nature of the activity*
 - *Under 18 year olds: Should only work with or under the guidance of a suitably qualified and insured adult*
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute
 - *Ensure that all participants are aware of their responsibilities under the Code of Ethics and Behaviour*
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures
 - *Never use foul, sexist, abusive, racist or any prejudicial language or tolerate it from players, team officials, spectators or parents*
- Abide by the EH Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy, Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines
- Abide by the EH Equality Policy
- Abide by the EH Anti-doping Rules
- Take personal responsibility to ensure that they are suitably insured for their activities.