



**Expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct. All such individuals involved in hockey will, always:**

- **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 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 old 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.**

If you have any concerns, please contact our Welfare Officer: [welfare@southberkshirehockeyclub.org.uk](mailto:welfare@southberkshirehockeyclub.org.uk).