

**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.
  - Focus on the young people's efforts and enjoyment rather than winning or losing
  - Teach young people that honest effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
  - Remember that people learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful play by all participants.
  - Encourage people always to settle disagreements amicably without resorting to hostility or violence.
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others**
  - Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players, and spectators.
  - Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
  - Leave the coach to communicate with individual players on the field of play.
  - Show an appreciation for volunteer coaches and administrators – their efforts contribute hugely to young people being able to participate.
- **Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others**
  - Inform the team coach, manager, captain or, if there is one, another member of a management team of any new or changed injury, health, or welfare issue which they consider is appropriate for them to know.
- **Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute**
  - Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- **Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour:**
  - Never ridicule or admonish a young person for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- **Never use inappropriate language and gestures**
  - Support all efforts to remove bad or abusive language and unsporting behaviour.
- **Abide by the EH Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy and Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines**
- **Abide by the EH Equality Policy.**

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