

PLAYER & PARENT / GUARDIAN PACK

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Broxbourne Hockey Club believes:

- ◆ That a child's welfare is, and always must be of paramount importance whatever the circumstances.
- ◆ Believes that everyone working with children has a moral and legal responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse.
- ◆ That special care is should be taken when dealing with children whose age, inexperience or physical state makes them particularly vulnerable to abuse.

We strive to create within our club an environment in which all children and young people can learn about, participate in and enjoy hockey free from abuse and harassment and to achieve this we have adopted the following policy:

- ◆ A child's welfare is of paramount importance.
- ◆ A child has a right to be protected from abuse, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial origin, religious belief or sexual orientation.
- ◆ The rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be respected.

We will also take the following steps to achieve these aims:

- ◆ Take all reasonable steps to ensure unsuitable people are prevented from working or helping within the club.
- ◆ Seek and provide training to ensure all volunteers are aware of their responsibilities with regard to child protection.
- ◆ Implement good practises.
- ◆ Respond appropriately to suspicions of abuse

The Children's Act 1989 states that anyone who is involved in the care of children should "do what is reasonable in the circumstances for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the child's welfare".

Our policy is that all qualified and volunteer coaches will have a DBS check.

We have spilt the Child Welfare Officer role. Sue House (07958 565647) is responsible for the DBS checks and Sharon Edwards (07954 146602) is acting designated Child Welfare Officer. They can be contacted on the above numbers if you have any questions or concerns.

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Parents, guardians and spectators can have a great influence on a child's enjoyment and success in hockey. Positive encouragement will contribute to:

- ◆ Children enjoying hockey
- ◆ A sense of personal achievement
- ◆ Self esteem
- ◆ Improving the child's skills and techniques

A parent's / guardian's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- ◆ Other players
- ◆ Officials
- ◆ Coaches
- ◆ Spectators

Broxbourne Hockey Club therefore expects the following from parents, guardians and spectators:

- ◆ Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- ◆ Avoid coaching the child during the game.
- ◆ Not to shout and scream but instead offer encouragement.
- ◆ Respect the coaches & umpire's decisions.
- ◆ Give attention to each child involved not just the most talented.
- ◆ Give encouragement to everyone to participate in hockey.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

Using the skills you have learnt, doing your best, keeping fit and having fun are the most important elements to training and playing. These elements, coupled with a sense of fair play and respect for others should form the basis for your hockey career at Broxbourne.

A player should:

- ◆ Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- ◆ Give maximum effort and strive for their best possible performance during a game.
- ◆ Set a positive example for others, particularly younger players and supporters.
- ◆ Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
- ◆ Always have a regard for the best interests of the game.
- ◆ Not use inappropriate language (no swearing).
- ◆ Know and abide by the law, rules and spirit of the game.
- ◆ Accept losing as part of the learning process.
- ◆ Treat fellow players & opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game and never engage in violent and rough play.
- ◆ Show due respect towards the umpires & accept the umpire's decisions.
- ◆ Show respect and co-operate with coaches.
- ◆ Demonstrate loyalty and commitment to Broxbourne Hockey Club by regularly attending training sessions and being available for selection for games.
- ◆ Support Broxbourne Hockey Club's fund raising efforts and social events if you can.

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MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ADVICE POLICY

Our qualified coaches are able to carry out basic first aid for the safety and well-being of your child. It is important to note that we can offer immediate first aid ONLY. An ambulance will be called to any emergency but we must stress that it is your responsibility to seek further medical advice in ALL circumstances of injury/illness as underlying medical problems may not be immediately apparent, for example:

- ◆ Cuts and grazes may become infected
- ◆ Bruising / Soft tissue injury may be concealing a fracture
- ◆ Head Injury may worsen some hours after the incident

Parents/guardians will be advised of any incident of injury/illness that occurs. Details of the incident will be recorded and held in the accident / incident book.

The club advises parents/guardians to seek qualified medical advice following any accident/incident and that any decision not to do so is the parents/guardians alone.

ATTENDANCE AT CLUB IN2HOCKEY AND OTHER HOCKEY CLUB TOURNAMENTS

At the Club In2Hockey (and often at other hockey tournaments), the club has to confirm that we have obtained parental/guardian consent for each player listed to be photographed and that these photographs may be used by the EHB (England Hockey Board) / hockey club hosting the tournament for publicity purposes. Also, that we have obtained each player's parental/guardian permission to be at the event.

By agreeing for your child/children to represent Broxbourne at such an event, this will be confirmation as having obtained your parental/guardian consent for your child/children to be photographed and that these photographs may be used by the EHB / hockey club hosting the tournament for publicity purposes.

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PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT POLICY

EHB policy is that all players wear shin pads and BHC strongly recommend that all players wear a mouth guard. BHC will accept no liability for any personal injury on the field of play.