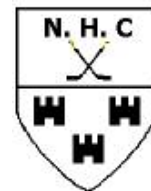


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## Code of Conduct

### Training

- Players are expected to attend all training sessions for their team; this includes strength and conditioning sessions.
- If a player can not attend training then they must notify their captain as soon as is possible.
- If a player does not attend training and has not produced a justified reason for doing so then selection is less likely and starting on the bench is reasonable.
- All players are expected to respect and listen to NHC coaches; when opportunities arise and it is physically possible, all players must actively participate in training sessions and train as though in a game situation.

### Matches

- If a player can not play the match they must endeavour to inform the captain as early as possible before the game to give them sufficient time to find other players.
- Match fees must be paid by every player who has played in the match. Collected by nominated player and given to the finance officers.

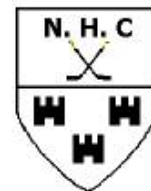
### Players Code of Behaviour On the Pitch

- Play by the rules provided by England Hockey.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper; verbal abuse of officials, sledging of other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team and your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents; without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please others.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Never ridicule or scold another player, coach, umpire, official or administrator for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Communicate openly within the Club.
- Never use violence or foul language towards team-mates, umpires, officials, administrators or coaches.
- Ensure that the time team-mates spend with you is a positive experience.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved in hockey. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents, spectators. Encourage others to do the same
- Wear suitable kit (including shin pads and gum shields) for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager. **This is mandatory for players under 18 years of age.**
- Pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.

### Spectators Code of Behaviour

- Remember that players participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the games outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach others to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.

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- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your teams opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## Parents/Guardians of Junior NHC Members

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to understand that the enjoyment of sport and fair play are more important than winning.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Take full responsibility for ensuring your child is transported to games safely.
- If you have any queries or comments please address them to Newcastle HC's Child Welfare Officer.

## Members

- Participating in after match teas is good for team morale and bonding and is encouraged throughout the club.
- Members are not allowed to smoke on club grounds or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Members are not allowed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs of any kind whilst representing the club in competitive games at home or away.
- Underage drinking or smoking is not permitted whilst representing NHC.
- Players and members who behave in an aggressive manner toward other members will be subject to discussion by the club's committee. This may lead to a punishment in accordance with the club's constitution. E.g. a ban from all club activities

I have read and agree to abide by the club's code of conduct

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_