

## **Mansfield Hockey Club – Code of Conduct:**

Mansfield Hockey Club have adopted the England Hockey Code of Ethics and Conduct for the expected levels of conduct, sportsmanship and mannerism's whenever representing the club. The following policy defines these expected standards:

### **Players Code of Conduct:**

- 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.
- Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players and spectators.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.
- Promote the reputation of the sport and the club and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Protect themselves and others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures
- Abide by the EH Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy and Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines and Mansfield Hockey Clubs Safeguarding Policy (MHC-POL-005).

### **Coaches & Managers:**

- 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.
- Relationships: Ensure a sensible balance between performance and the emotional, physical, social and developmental needs of the performers.
- Relationships: Respect confidentiality of participants and any related data at all times.
- Personal Standards: Have the participants' best interests at heart at all times and recognise when it is in the participants' best interests to be passed to other organisations.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.
- Never participate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Personal Standards: Ensure that activities carried out by participants are suitable for their age, strength, maturity and the ability of each individual participant.

### **Spectators:**

- 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 skilful play by all participants.
- Encourage people always to settle disagreements amicably without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 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.
- Never use inappropriate language and gestures

**Umpires:**

- 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.
- Never use inappropriate language and gestures