



GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

September 2017 (to be updated 2020)

Parents have a role to undertake within their child's membership/participation in hockey at Wick Ladies Hockey Club.

Coaches, staff and volunteers will endeavour to develop strong trusting relationships with their team. However, to assist the club, parents should:

- Take an interest in their children's activity and progress and be supportive.
- Introduce themselves to the adults involved in the supervision of their child's team, spend some time talking to the Captains and Child Welfare Officer.
- Find out what the Club has to offer; what is the package? When are training times and matches; are there any playing restrictions for children who are beginners?
- Obtain any good practice guidance for children from the Club and go through it with your child.
- Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your children to/from training and matches.
- Take an interest in who your daughter is playing with.
- Introduce yourself if it is an adult you do not know.
- If leaving your daughter at a match please make sure they have match fees and spending money, appropriate team kit, plus waterproofs, gum shield, shin-pads and astro shoes, a drink to take in their bag.
- Have clear lines of communication to keep up with your child's progress.
- Ensure that the Club has an emergency contact number for you when you are away from the Club; a mobile would be preferable, and that you leave your mobile switched on so that you can be contacted in an emergency.
- Advise the Captains and Welfare Officer if your child has particular needs (e.g. allergies, learning disabilities) to ensure they are provided for in the best way possible.

Social Media Sites

Wick LHC have their own Facebook page, which is for members and their parents only (please ask to join). Please can all members check they have the correct privacy settings in place.

Wick Ladies Hockey Club

Child Protection Policy

Wick LHC is committed to ensuring that all children, young people and vulnerable people have a fun, safe and positive experience when playing hockey. It recognises its responsibility to safeguard children's and young people's welfare by protecting them from poor practice, abuse and bullying, regardless of age, gender, ability, disability, race, religious belief or sexual orientation.

Wick LHC will endeavour to ensure the effective safeguarding of children and young people through the following:

- A protective culture that puts children's and young people's interests first, and treats them with dignity and respect.
- Our Club Welfare Officer are Sally Brown and Bel Clark who ensure that all suspicions and allegations will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Adopting and promoting the principles of the England Hockey Association Policy and procedures and related policies to ensure provision of clear procedures and good practice guidelines for children, young people, staff, volunteers, members and parents/carers.
- A rigorous recruitment and selection process for paid coaching staff, and volunteers, involved with children and young people playing hockey at the Club.
- Support through education and training for adults – staff, volunteers, coaches and members to understand their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care and protection of children and young people and attending Safeguarding Children Courses.
- Access to advice for individuals through the Club's Welfare Officer, to understand the best practice and how to manage any welfare or child protection issues that come to light.
- A regular annual monitoring and review process, to ensure the Child Protection Policy and associated policies and procedures are being adhered to.
- Captains, Welfare Officers, coaches and umpires are DBS

WICK LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

"KEEPING SAFE"

GUIDANCE FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS AND PARENTS/CARERS

If Unaccompanied by a Parent/Carer:

- Drop off and collection times must be pre-arranged with parent/carers.
- Ensure you have sufficient money for buying food and drinks, and you carry enough supplies of any medicines required, such as: insulin, glucose or inhalers.
- All juniors **must** wear a gum shield and shin pads when playing.
- Always try to carry a mobile phone – leave switched on.
- Our teas are at a pub, please ensure that parents are there to pick you up at a pre-arranged time. Parents have to accept that if they are unable to get their child to a match an adult member of the team will pick up their child and drop them off.
- The purchase of alcoholic drinks is not permitted for junior members under the age of 18, or for a junior member aged 18, to purchase alcohol on behalf of someone under the age of 18.

We confirm we have read and understand the above.

Signed.....(Parent) Date:

Emergency Contact No:

Signed.....(Junior member) Date: