



## Isca Hockey Club Players Charter

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#### England Hockey code of conduct for players

- 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 the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players and spectators.
- 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.
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with dignity.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young participants and spectators.
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures.
- Abide by the England Hockey Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy and Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines.
- Abide by the England Hockey Equity Policy.
- Abide by the England Hockey Anti-doping Rules.
- Take personal responsibility to ensure that they are suitably insured for their activities.

#### Sportsmanship on the Pitch

- We play hard to win but play fair and as safe as possible
- We respect our opponents: magnanimous in victory and generous and dignified in defeat
- We respect and support umpires on and off the pitch, acknowledging that they, like us, can make mistakes
- We don't intimidate, threaten, swear or make inappropriate gestures, even if provoked
- We abide by the EH policies and procedures for Protecting Young People; Equity and 100% Membership

#### Clubmanship: supporting each other and the club on and off the pitch

- We know that our contribution to sportsmanship and the club includes entertaining visiting teams
- We willingly play our part in off-the-pitch activities such as cleaning up the clubhouse, washing shirts, working on social events and other projects
- We respect the work that coaches and other volunteers do for us and the club. We volunteer to help with junior coaching etc when asked.
- We commit to attending at least two club social functions per season
- We pay our subscriptions on time and we understand where our money goes
- We actively encourage parents of younger players to watch, take part in club socials and to volunteer their assistance and expertise
- We help the club to recruit new players of all standards



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- We promote a positive but fair view of the Club to other members and clubs and to county, league and England Hockey.
- We understand that the club will act in the best interests of all its members. If we have any questions or concerns, we raise these with our captain or another committee member.

### **No surprises with selection or availability**

- We recognize that we want the strongest teams each week and that we may not play in every match
- We give our captain and coach maximum warning of when we are not available in order to help them and so they can include us whenever we are available
- We are embarrassed if we give our captain less than a week's notice that we are not available
- Even if we have said we are unavailable we still check selection (with our captain or on the website), just in case we've been selected in error
- We hope that our captain will explain before the team lists are published if/why we are not selected
- We accept that our selection for matches may be influenced by how often we go to training nights or how well we help entertain our visitors or if we make ourselves unavailable at short notice.