



PLAYER, PARENT, UMPIRE, AND COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Playing with Performance Sport Events (PSE) is a privilege that comes with responsibilities for umpires, coaches, parents, and players.

Players, coaches, umpires, and parents are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, umpires, parents, spectators and fans. As a member of the field hockey community an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game and its participants. The essential elements in this "Code of Conduct" are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport, themselves, their team and their organization.

It is only through such conduct that our sport can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to amateur sports. The following essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be followed:

- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as adults.
- Coaches should always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, umpires and spectators alike. Players should be specifically encouraged and positively reinforced by coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, umpires and spectators.
- Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, umpires, parents and spectators.
- All should be respectful of the program and its participants on the internet and social media by refraining from negative comments and posts.
- Offensive and derogatory language including but not limited to racial slurs, sexist commentary and profanity will not be tolerated. Physical confrontations are strictly prohibited.
- The consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and/or vapor products are not permitted at any PSE program including but not limited to: event, showcase, league, camp or clinic. Athletes are prohibited from illegal use of performance enhancing and/or recreational drugs.
- Coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for umpires and reinforce that respect to players/teammates. Coaches are also expected to educate their players as to the important role of field hockey umpires and reinforce the ideal of respect for the umpire to players/teammates.





- Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, umpires or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants. Umpire Managers or Tournament Directors are always available
- Umpire are professionals and are therefore expected to conduct themselves as such and in a manner that demonstrates total impartiality, courtesy and fairness to all parties.
- Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an umpire, coach, player or opponent.
- Coaches must be able to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the rules of field hockey, the policy and procedures set forth, and should adhere to the rules in both the letter and the spirit of the game.
- Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, roster sizes for players and coaches, and level of participation have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.

If at any time any of the aforementioned policies are abused, the Umpire Manager, Event Operator/Tournament Director reserves the right to remove the athlete, parent or coach from the program they are currently participating in and the privilege of participating in future programs.

