



## EVENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in Performance Sport Events (PSE) is a privilege that carries responsibilities for umpires, coaches, parents, and players. The safety and well-being of youth athletes are our top priority. By taking part in PSE, you agree to abide by PSE's Athlete Safety & Prohibited Conduct Policy ([link to policy](#)) and the accompanying Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with these policies may result in consequences, including removal from the event.

Players, coaches, umpires, and parents are expected to "Honor the Game" by showing respect to all participants, including players, coaches, umpires, parents, spectators. Membership in the field hockey community comes with responsibilities to uphold the integrity of the game and its participants. Key principles of this "Code of Conduct" include **honesty** and **integrity**. Individuals who embody these values will bring credit to the sport, their team, and themselves. Such conduct is vital to maintaining the sport's positive reputation and ensuring its meaningful contribution to amateur athletics.

The following principles of the "Code of Conduct" are essential and must be upheld:

- Sportsmanship, fair play, and skill development are fundamental to the game and should be prioritized over winning. These values must be taught at all levels and reinforced both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- Coaches must recognize the significant influence they have on their players and strive to be positive role models for both young people and adults. They should consistently demonstrate and reinforce positive behaviors, encouraging players to show respect for teammates, opponents, umpires, parents, and spectators.
- Players should consistently exhibit positive behavior and show respect to teammates, opponents, coaches, umpires, parents, and spectators.
- The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and vapor products are strictly prohibited at all PSE programs, including events, showcases, leagues, camps, and clinics. Additionally, athletes are forbidden from the illegal use of performance-enhancing or recreational drugs.
- Coaches, players, parents, and spectators are expected to show the highest level of respect toward umpires. Coaches have a responsibility to educate their players about the vital role of field hockey umpires and emphasize the importance of respecting them.
- Any grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, umpires, or other parties involved in the sport should be addressed through the appropriate channels and procedures, never on or near the field of play in front of spectators or participants. Tournament Directors and its designee are always available to assist.
- Umpires are professionals and are expected to conduct themselves with impartiality, courtesy, and fairness, demonstrating these qualities to all parties involved.
- Spectators involved in the game are not permitted to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass, or threaten an umpire, coach, player, or opponent.
- Coaches must possess a strong knowledge of field hockey rules, policies, and procedures, adhering to both the letter and spirit of the game. Any attempts to manipulate the rules for unfair advantage or to encourage unsportsmanlike conduct are unacceptable and contrary to the values of the sport.
- Eligibility requirements must be adhered to at all levels of the game. Rules regarding age, roster sizes for players and coaches, and levels of participation are in place to encourage and maximize participation, ensure fair play, and promote safety.

If any of these policies are violated, the Event Operator, Tournament Director, or their designee has the authority to remove the offending participant from the current program and revoke their privilege to participate in future programs.