



3.1a CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS/PLAYERS

Including Under-18s playing in Senior Teams

1 Good Ethical Conduct and Practice.

- 1.1 The aim of Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club is to promote healthy participation in sport. It is hoped that everyone will play to the best of their ability and that teams are successful, however, it is more important to enjoy sport and play fairly.
- 1.2 The Code of Conduct has been written to uphold the aims of Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club, and to help and protect all players, match officials/umpires, spectators and parents involved in the playing of hockey regardless of whether it is in league games, friendly matches, or training sessions.
- 1.3 It is important that its members, coaches, administrators and volunteers, and parents associated with the Club, should, at all times, show respect, be open and share any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the Club with the coach or the appropriate club officer.
- 1.4 Each individual is accountable for his or her own actions. Whether playing, watching, coaching or umpiring, it is their personal responsibility to treat the match officials/umpires, their own team members, opposition players, coaches, and spectators with respect and consideration before, during and after the match.

2 Conduct

- 2.1 Members/players should:
 - 2.1.1 Compete for enjoyment.
 - 2.1.2 Participate to the best of their ability.
 - 2.1.3 Show team spirit and positive sporting behaviour.
 - 2.1.4 Play within the rules at all times.
 - 2.1.5 Respect Club Officers, captains, coaches, colleagues, opponents and the decisions of match officials/umpires.
 - 2.1.6 Maintain a positive attitude and co-operate with coaches at training.
 - 2.1.7 Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach or captain if they are going to be late.
 - 2.1.8 Wear suitable kit (including shin pads and gum shields) for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/captain.
 - 2.1.9 Pay any subscriptions or fees for matches, training or events promptly.

2.1.10 Avoid bringing the good name of the Club into disrepute.

3 Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs.

3.1 It is not permitted to:

3.1.1 Smoke on the Club's premises.

3.1.2 Consume alcohol or non-prescription drugs on the Club's premises.

3.1.3 Participate in hockey when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

3.1.4 Consume non-prescription drugs whilst representing the Club, or participating in club activities.

3.2 Under-18 members are not permitted to:

3.2.1 Smoke whilst representing the Club, or participating in club activities.

3.2.2 Consume alcohol whilst representing the Club or participating in club activities.

3.3 Senior members should not consume alcohol in excess whilst representing the Club or participating in club activities.

4 Club Discipline Sub-Committee

4.1 The Club's Discipline Sub-Committee acting on behalf of the Club's Management Committee reserves the right to deal with any members found to be in breach of this code of conduct, in-line with **YSHC 1.0 Constitution**¹ and EH guidelines.

¹ The Management Committee may effectively remove a person's membership, on the recommendation of the Discipline Sub-Committee, in accordance with the Club's constitution:

4 Membership

4.1 *Membership shall be open to any wishing to play hockey for THE YEOVIL AND SHERBORNE HOCKEY CLUB:*

4.1.1 *Subject to the approval of the Management Committee.*