



3.1c CODE OF CONDUCT FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

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 Junior Players should:
 - 2.1.1 Arrive on time to training sessions and matches – or inform the Coach/Administrator if you are going to be late.
 - 2.1.2 Dress appropriately for the training session/match – suitable shirts, shorts or skorts, trainers with good grip and support, sports socks, shin pads and gum shield, no jewellery, hair tied back neatly.
 - 2.1.3 Pay annual subscription or fees for matches or training events promptly.
 - 2.1.4 Know and abide by the rules and spirit of the game of hockey- compete for enjoyment and do your best. Demonstrate fair play and good sportsmanship. Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
 - 2.1.5 Learn to accept success and failure – win with modesty and lose with dignity.
 - 2.1.6 Take responsibility for your own actions. Demonstrate good team spirit and a positive attitude at all times – treat the other participants, your coaches and officials with respect and consideration. Never exert undue influence over others to obtain personal benefit or reward.

- 2.1.7 Listen carefully to the coaches, club officers and match officials/umpires and follow their instructions.
 - 2.1.8 Bring any problems or concerns you have to the attention of coaches and club management immediately so they can be dealt with quickly.
 - 2.1.9 Use correct and appropriate language at all times – know that offensive, abusive and insulting language will be dealt with severely.
 - 2.1.10 Inform your coach immediately if you are unwell or injured or if you need to leave the session early.
 - 2.1.11 At the end of each session ensure you have collected your warm up clothing and water bottles. Wait sensibly by the pitch until your parents arrive to collect you.
 - 2.1.12 Conduct themselves at all times in a way which reflects well on YSHC.
 - 2.1.13 Do not smoke or consume alcohol or drugs while representing the club or participating in club activities.
- 2.2 In addition to this, during competitions and matches junior players should:
- 2.2.1 Show respect towards the match officials/umpires and accept their decisions without protest. Avoid any actions or words that could be misconstrued by the umpires.
 - 2.2.2 Treat opponents with respect at all times, regardless of the result of the game - be humble in victory and dignified in defeat.
 - 2.2.3 Be sure to acknowledge and thank match officials/umpires, opponents and coaches of the opposition at the end of each game by agreed method- stick taps or handshakes as appropriate.

3 Club Discipline Sub-Committee

- 3.1 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.*