



3.1d CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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, 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, 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 committee member.
- 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 their own team, opposition players, coaches, spectators and the umpires with respect and consideration before, during and after the match.

2 Conduct

- 2.1 Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club encourages parents/guardians to take an active interest in their child's development within hockey and asks that every parent/guardian observe the following:
 - 2.1.1 Ensure that their child follows the Junior Player's Code of Conduct as detailed in Doc 3.1 d – Code of Conduct for Junior Players.
 - 2.1.2 Encourage and support their child and the team in a positive way within the spirit of fair play and respect for opponents, team members, coaches and officials alike.
 - 2.1.3 Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
 - 2.1.4 Never force your child to take part in sport.
 - 2.1.5 Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
 - 2.1.6 Never criticise, punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes- mistakes are an important part of learning.
 - 2.1.7 Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
 - 2.1.8 Publicly accept the judgements of officials and coaches.

- 2.1.9 Support your child's involvement and help them to understand that the enjoyment of sport and fair play are more important than winning.
- 2.1.10 Use correct and proper language at all times.
- 2.1.11 Refrain from offering coaching advice as this may be contrary to that given by YSHC coaches and may prove confusing and sometimes distressing to the players- leave the coaching to the coaches.
- 2.1.12 Inform coaches and club officials of any problems/concerns immediately so they can be dealt with promptly
- 2.1.13 Contribute to the day-to-day running of the club in whatever way feasible, whether through volunteering to help with coaching, umpiring, team management, scoring/timekeeping or other club activities as appropriate
- 2.1.14 Pay all club subscriptions and fees for matches and club events as and when they fall due- understand that for insurance reasons players can attend no more than TWO sessions before paying to become members of the club or being selected to play in matches/tournaments
- 2.1.15 Keep the Club informed of any factors which may affect their child's ability to play
- 2.1.16 Advise the Club of any changes to contact details that may be used should an emergency arise.

3 Training Sessions and Matches

- 3.1 Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club cannot be responsible for junior members prior to or after their training session. It is parents/guardians' responsibility to wait with the children until the session starts and to pick them up promptly after the session. Parents/guardians should collect their children from the YRC Artificial Pitch so that Coaches/Junior Administrator are aware that they have been collected and are not waiting around in the car park.
- 3.2 Similarly, Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club cannot be responsible for junior members prior to or after tournaments and matches. Parents/guardians should accompany their children to Junior tournaments and matches and remain on site in the unlikely event of an emergency. If the parent/guardian is unable to remain on site they must appoint a substitute adult prior to the Junior tournament/match beginning, and notify the Coach or Team Manager. Parents may accompany Juniors playing in Senior teams to matches or they must give the Captain written permission to arrange suitable transport for them. In this case parents must drop them off at the designated place at the required time and meet them promptly on their return or inform captains how they are to make their way home.

4 Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs.

4.1 It is not permitted to:

4.1.1 Smoke on the Club's premises.

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

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

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

4.2 Junior members are not permitted to:

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

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

5 Club Discipline Sub-Committee

5.1 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 Constitution¹** 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.*