

2015 Sydney South Hockey Association

As coaches and spectators of Sydney South Hockey Association (SSHA) it is expected that all persons will conduct themselves at all times by observing the objective of the SSHA to provide opportunities for all participants to achieve their maximum potential.

Because of this it is highly important that the valued volunteers who support young participants not only offer them the benefits of their expertise in sport, but provide the highest standards of example through their personal behaviour.

All coaches, managers, selectors, technical officials and administrators acknowledge that:

Adults in Hockey:

- Remember that young people participate for **their** pleasure – winning is only part of the fun
- Respect the dignity of themselves and others - Do not yell at or ridicule or intimidate a child
- Be a positive role model in behaviour – Lead by Example
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility, recognising that at all times their words and actions are an example to others
- Do not use the game to promote their own beliefs, behaviours and practices where they are not compatible with the wellbeing of the game and its participants
- Conduct their approach to the game within the spirit of the game, with full intention to promote sportsmanship within their team and play aligned with the 'rules of play' and the Let them Play initiative adopted by SSHA
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport -help your players to understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility
- Applaud good performance and effort from all players and congratulate all participants
- Act with consideration and good judgement in all interpersonal relationships
- Do not make detrimental statements in respect of the performance of any match officials or umpires
- Do not show obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval (by action or verbal abuse) towards an umpire or match official as a consequence of one particular decision nor his or her general control of the game
- Realise that bullying, physical and verbal abuse, neglect or any other type of abuse is absolutely unacceptable conduct in the sport of hockey ¹
- Understand that as per Rules of Play 2015 Rule 23.2.2 the umpires in control of a match shall have full authority to interpret the rules of hockey in relation to that match and no decision of an umpire shall be subject to any form of protest or appeal by any player, coach or other person (before, during or after a match)
- Are aware of and follow the correct processes if they have an issue or grievance – do not perpetuate issues with gossip or general criticism
- Are subject to the penalties as outlined in the code of conduct (as set out in Rule 24 of the Rules of Play 2015)

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