

# PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT



As a parent or guardian of a Southern River Hockey Club (SRHC) player, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct:

- Parents/Guardians shall at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behaviour.
- Parents/Guardians shall at all times respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Respect the umpires' decision. Do not abuse, threaten or intimidate an umpire or match official and do not show dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards an umpire or match official's decision in an abusive or unreasonable fashion.
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with SRHC officials in private.
- Support skilled performances.
- Show respect for opponents.
- Display appropriate social behaviour by not using profane, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators. Show appreciation for good performance and skilful plays by all, including opposition.
- Do not throw any object.
- Barrack in a positive way.
- Leave the area tidy and free from litter or other mess.
- Remember that your child and other children participate in the sport of hockey for their enjoyment not yours.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses, be understanding and supportive and focus on their efforts instead.
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Be mindful that any poor behavior on your part could result in an Umpire issuing a warning to the team captain of the team you are a spectator/s of. This is to let the spectators know that their team will lose points if they continue to behave in a manner not in line with the code of behaviour.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your junior athlete and team-mates. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your junior athlete and team-mates from other sources whilst they are in your care.
- Refrain from any form of harassment towards your junior athletes. This includes sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability **or religious belief**.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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- Be a positive role model for your children.

The SRHC Executive Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Code of Conduct is met at all times.

This policy has been adapted from the current Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy (version 9 December 2015) which can be found here - <http://www.hockey.org.au/policies>

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