



VICTOR HARBOR HOCKEY CLUB (VHHC) COMPULSORY CODE OF CONDUCT

Rationale

The **Victor Harbor Hockey Club** Code of Conduct encourages an environment of positive behaviour both on and off the field, and applies to all players, spectators and officials at both home and away games.

We seek your support in implementing this Code of Conduct and encourage any concerns to be directed to any member of the VHHC Committee.

The foundation of our Code of Conduct involves the concepts of safety, respect and appropriateness:

Safety

All behaviour will emphasise safety at all times. This requires thinking of people and property and includes no running, fighting, throwing or using hockey sticks and balls inside the clubrooms.

Respect

All behaviour will emphasise respect at all times. This requires thinking of people and property and includes being responsible to leave the grounds and clubrooms tidy (eg. clean up your mess and the mess of those you are responsible for).

Appropriateness

All behaviour will emphasise appropriateness at all times. This requires thinking of people and property and includes using appropriate language and an appropriate level of noise. Our shared environment is to be a safe and pleasant place.

Players

All players will:

- play by the rules;
- not argue with an official. If you need clarification, seek it from your coach or captain;
- work equally hard for themselves and their team;
- be good sports; and
- show respect for and acknowledge opponents and officials (eg. shake hands both before and after the game, say things like "good luck", "thanks for the game", "thanks ump", "three cheers for...").

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Parents & Spectators

All parents and spectators will:

- support the VHHC Code of Conduct through leading by example with positive and responsible behaviour;
- encourage participants, especially children, to play by the rules, follow umpire directions and be a credit to the Club;
- never ridicule or yell at a participant, especially children, for making a mistake or not winning;
- applaud good performance and efforts for all individuals and teams, eg. congratulate all participants regardless of the game outcome;
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion; and
- remember children participate in sport for their enjoyment. Parents and spectators have a passive, supportive role.

Coaches & Officials

All coaches and officials will:

- create positive opportunities for players to learn game skills, be a good sport and to have fun;
- be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- keep up to date with the latest coaching and officiating practices;
- place the safety and welfare of all participants above all else and encourage relevant safety and welfare practices;
- encourage young people to participate in administration, coaching and umpiring;
- support policy and practices in relation to responsible use of alcohol, child protection issues and issues involving recreational and performance enhancing drugs;
- ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the age and gender of all players;
- operate within the rules of the game and encourage your players to do the same; and
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Please raise any concerns regarding our Code of Conduct with any VHHC Committee member.

Next policy review date is **11 April 2019**

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