

Code of Conduct

The South Coast Hockey Association encourages good sportsmanship from all players and spectators alike. As amended in our Constitution, below is the Code of Conduct that Players, Parents and Spectators are expected to abide by. This Code is to be used in conjunction with the Association's Member Protection Policy (MPP). The Code of Conduct and the MPP have been designed and implemented to meet our moral and legal obligations to provide a safe environment for players and spectators alike

Players Code of Conduct

- 1. Play by the Rules.**
Hockey is to be played by the rules that govern it, and in the spirit in which they were written.
- 2. Umpires Decisions.**
If you disagree with a decision, have your Captain or Team Manager approach the official at half time or after the game. Verbal and or physical abuse by players and or spectators will not be tolerated and will be disciplined by the Umpire, exercising his or her powers under the SCHAs Constitution and By-Laws.
- 3. Respect your Opponents.**
Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. No physical or verbal abuse will be tolerated (including discriminative, racial or sexual comments).
- 4. Co-operation.**
Co-operation with Umpires, Captain, Team-Mates and Opponents is expected from all Players and Spectators. Without them, there would not be a game.

Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

- 1. Encouragement, including conduct off the field of play.**
Encourage children to play fairly and by the rules. Remember that they play for their enjoyment, not yours, and applaud good play by both teams. Your assistance in portraying the appropriate spirit is appreciated.
- 2. Officials Decision.** Respect official's decisions and teach your children to do the same. Verbal and or physical abuse will not be tolerated by parents or spectators and will be disciplined by the Umpire, exercising his or her powers under the SCHAs Constitution and ByLaws.

3. The Spirit of Hockey.

Remembering that the Rules of Hockey and the SCHA Constitution and By-Laws are to be observed and followed in the spirit in which they were written, all parents and spectators are asked to place Principals (the sport of Hockey for the enjoyment of all) before Personalities.

4. *Remember that children learn best by example.*

Consequences of a Code Breach

Depending on the severity of the offence, a breach of any of the 'Codes of Conduct' rules may result in any of the following;

1. Offences witnessed or heard by an Umpire will be dealt with by the Umpire immediately.
2. Warning issued verbally.
3. Exclusion from future games.
4. Warning reported to the South Coast Hockey Association Tribunal.
5. Hockey player required to attend tribunal hearing.
6. Offender requested to remove him or herself from the hockey field and/or sporting complex.
7. Expulsion from the South Coast Hockey Association.
8. Immediate referral to relevant Law Enforcement Authority.