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# PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club



The following Code of Conduct has been written to help and protect players, umpires, club/team officials and spectators involved in the playing of hockey regardless of whether it is in league games, friendly matches, tournaments or training. It should be read in conjunction with the rules of the relevant Hockey Leagues, the Rules of Hockey, the Hockey Wales Code of Discipline and Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club's Disciplinary Rules.

### **Generic Code of Behaviour**

The content of this Code of Behaviour applies to all involved with the sport of hockey within Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club. In order to protect the reputation of the Club, the Code also applies to all those who are involved in hockey whilst outside the Club:

- Respect the spirit of fair play in hockey. This is more than playing within the rules. It also incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always participating with the right spirit.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Protect themselves and others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures.
- Abide by the Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club Safeguarding Policy.
- Abide by the Hockey Wales Equality Policy.
- Abide by the Hockey Wales Anti-doping Rules.
- Take personal responsibility to ensure that they are suitably insured for their activities.

### **Obligations towards one's own team**

Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club members should:

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help the team win
- Resist any influence which might, or might seem to, bring into question his/her commitment to the team.
- A team can consist of 16 players; hence rolling substitutions should be expected. Substituted players are expected to act with dignity, and to contribute to the team's efforts by supporting their teammates without abusing opposing players, officials or the umpires.

## **Respect for the Laws of the Game and Competition Rules**

Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club members should:

- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat all in equal measure.
- Abide by Hockey Wales Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy and Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines.
- Abide by Hockey Wales" Equity Policy.
- Abide by Hockey Wales" Anti-Doping Policy and Regulations.
- Take personal responsibility to ensure that they are suitably insured for their activities.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques and equipment
- Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club recommends the use of shin guards and gum shields for training and matches.

## **Respect towards opponents**

Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club members should:

- Treat opponents with respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play and help injured opponents.

## **Respect towards Match Officials**

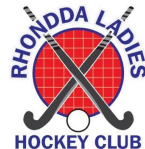
Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club members should:

- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

## **Respect towards Club Officials**

Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club members should:

- Abide by the instructions of their coach and team officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code – and if they do, report this to either the Chairman, the Club Captain or the Youth Manager.
- Show due respect towards the Club Officials of the opposition.



### **Obligations towards Supporters**

Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club members should:

- Show due respect to the interests of the supporters.

### **Obligations towards Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club**

Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club members should:

- Keep agreed timings for training and games or inform their coach/captain/team manager if they are going to be late.
- Pay membership fees promptly.
- Respect the decisions of the team selection committee. If a player would like to question a decision they should first contact their team captain or coach, then if not satisfied their club captain.
- Ascertain the details for weekend games from their respective captains or from the website.
- Inform their team captain or coach of unavailability for selection for any known fixture(s) as soon as possible (league fixtures for the season are posted on the club and league websites and amendments to those fixtures are posted as soon as known).
- Take personal responsibility for his/her actions.
- Members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the Chairman, the Welfare/Safeguarding Officer, or any other senior member of the Club as appropriate.
- Members must remember at all times that they are representing Rhondda Ladies Hockey Club, and that they should behave in an appropriate manner.