



# CITY OF YORK HOCKEY CLUB



## *Safeguarding and Protecting Young People*

### Code of Conduct for Young People

#### As a young member of the City of York Hockey Club you are expected to:

- Arrive to all training sessions and competitions in good time.
- Wear suitable seasonal kit (including a **mouthguard** and **shinpads** and astro or hockey shoes) and clothing for all training and competition activity, as agreed with the coach.
- Wear facemasks for short corners as directed.
- **Not touch or tamper with other people's equipment or clothing, such as the goal keeper's.**
- **Respect equipment belonging to the club**, such as goalkeeping kits, goals and balls.
- **Play within the rules** and respecting coaches & officials and all their decisions.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by acknowledging all good performances, whether they are made by your club or the opposition.
- Be aware that swearing or any form of verbal abuse towards coaches, officials and other players, or deliberately distracting/provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.
- **Respect all players at the club** regardless of their sex, ability, disability, cultural background or religion.
- **Treat all participants in hockey as you like to be treated** - not bullying or taking unfair advantage of another participant: this extends to the use of any social media, What's App or other electronic communication between members.
- Cooperate with your coach, club-mates and opponents, remembering that without them there would be no competition.
- Thank coaches, volunteers, officials and opponents after club activities and competitions.

Young Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers and Other Supporters**

**It is our aim at City of York H.C. to make playing hockey a fun, rewarding, challenging and a safe experience for all.**

**Parents/carers are asked to support us along this journey by helping to maintain welfare of their child at the club.**

To ensure the partnership between home and the club is set and maintained at a high standard, we have developed a contract for parents/carers that is proportionate to the age of the child, which we need you to agree to:

**Under 8's** – Parents/carers to be pitch side at all times during sessions to assist coaches with injuries/toilet breaks/supervision away from the pitch etc.

**Under10 and Under12's** – Parents/Carers to be on site (i.e. grounds of the School – Huntington/Vale of York, Sports Centre – Energise/York University) and available to assist coaches in the case of injury etc.

**Under 14 and Under 16's**– Parents/Carers – to drop off/collect and be able to respond quickly from within the local area (i.e. 15 min journey)

#### **As a parent/carer or supporter of a member of the club you are expected to:**

- Assist/support your child in arriving to all sessions and competitions in good time to register arrival with the coach.
- If your child is of primary school age (Year 6 and below), accompany your child to the pitch side, and ensure they are registered.
- You are welcome to leave your child at a training session (subject to ages above), but coaches are only responsible for children while they are on the pitch.
- Provide suitable seasonal kit (including **shinpads** and **mouthguard**) and clothing for all training and competitions.
- Check that all equipment is safe and fit for purpose: ask your coach if you are unsure.
- Inform the coach of any specific health, behavioural support requirements or medical conditions in advance of the coaching sessions by registering on the club website and completing the medical forms ([www.cityofyorkhc.co.uk](http://www.cityofyorkhc.co.uk))  
Additional information may be required in certain circumstances, in which case the Club Welfare Officer will speak to you
- Encourage your child to listen effectively, try their best & follow the rules and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- Help your child to recognise good performance and conduct.



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- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Demonstrate positive encouragement: Avoid comparing personal performance with others, the club supports the mantra 'supporting players to be the best they can be'. Never punish or abuse a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements and teach children to do likewise: Discourage unfair play and arguing with umpires. Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their sex, ability, disability, cultural background or religion.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport. Remember that, children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Leave the coach to communicate with individual players on the field of play.
- Show appreciation and respect for coaches, officials and administrators. Remember, without them, your child could not participate: The majority of coaches and officials are volunteers.
- Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own performance.

For all juniors this form must be signed and sent back to your child's coach/manager.

Thank you for your continued support.

City of York H.C.

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_