

## SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS FOR PLAYERS

You need to be aware that by participating in a Labrador team you are representing your CLUB, yourself and your family. Accept seriously the responsibility of representing your Club. All will be judged by your actions towards others.

Play by the rules. Respect the rules by not attempting to cheat in any form. Be honest in your decisions about all events at your game.

Never argue with an umpire/official. Accept decisions as part of the game which operates in an imperfect environment. Exercise self-control at all times, accepting umpires', officials' and coaches' decisions and abiding by them. You may seek clarification of decisions by enquiring in a calm manner after your game, firstly with your coach, then the official if deemed necessary. Always respect the decision making of your coaches and the officials.

Sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour. Treat others with the utmost respect, as you would wish to be treated.

Appreciate and applaud all good play whether made by your team or the opposition. Cheer your team mates and recognise good play. Encourage them even when they make mistakes. Keep all comments positive, don't criticise your team mates.

Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents.

## After the game:

- Thank the other team and the officials.
- Congratulate your team and your coach.
- Thank the spectators and your parents for coming to support your team.
- Congratulate your team mates on their good plays and achievements; and encourage them where they have identified their own mistakes.
- Accept either victory or defeat without being boastful or bitter and congratulate your opponents in a sincere manner.
- Cooperate with your coach and fellow players in promoting sportsmanship on and off the field.

These expectations are to be read in conjunction with Labradors Post Game Hockey Etiquette Policy.