

JUNIOR CODES OF CONDUCT & ETIQUETTE

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- Encourage children to participate if they are interested but do not force them if they are unwilling.
- Focus on the child's efforts rather than the outcome of the event. This helps children set realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of the game is accepted without undue disappointment if it is lost.
- Turn defeat into victory by encouraging your child to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Remember, juniors are involved in organised sport for **their** enjoyment not yours.
- Encourage children to always play by the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels. Do not question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Most officials volunteer their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- Support all efforts to remove any verbal or physical abuse from sporting activities.
- **Recognise the importance and value of volunteer coaches and administrators. They give their time and resources to provide hockey experiences for the children and deserve your support.**
- Remember that junior players are also students; so be reasonable in your demands on their energy, time and enthusiasm for hockey.
- Emphasise to juniors the physical fitness values of hockey and its life long value both recreationally and in personal relationships.
- Insist that your child uses shin pads and a mouthguard to enjoy hockey safely.

JUNIOR PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents/guardians please take time to review this code with your Junior player to enhance their understanding of the good sportsmanship required in our sport.

- Learn, and always play by, the rules of hockey.
- Always act responsibly and avoid injury to yourself and others.
- Never argue with an official. Discuss the problem with your coach or manager after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse or aggression towards officials or other players is not acceptable behaviour.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Work equally hard for your team and yourself. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Accept that teams will consist of sufficient players to be able to rotate substitutions – ideally at least one player per line. When on the bench, encourage your team mates and be prepared to play at all times.
- Be a good sport. Applaud good play by all teams, opponents or not.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Respect the time and effort put in by your coach(es) and officials. They deserve your full support and commitment.
- Respect the equipment and facilities provided for your use. It is expensive and should be used responsibly.

- Purchase and wear the correct Club uniform at all games. Local rules state you may not take the field if incorrectly attired.
- It is the player's responsibility to find out your game time & venue each week.
- Play for the fun and not to please others.

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Part 1 - Player welfare – Labrador Tigerstix policy

- Avoid overplaying the talented players. Average players need and deserve equal time. Labrador Tigerstix Hockey Club policy is to ensure that all junior players receive fair and reasonable time on the field.
- Remember that junior players are also students. Be reasonable in your demands on their energy, time and enthusiasm.

Part 2 – Australian Sports Commission Coach Code of Conduct

Safety and Health of Participants

- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else. Ensure that every child wears shin pads and a mouthguard at training and matches.
- Be aware of and support the sport's injury management plans and return to play guidelines.

Coaching excellence

- Help each person (athlete, official, etc) to reach their potential.
- Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each participant as an individual.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of participants.

Honour the sport

- Act within the rules and spirit of your sport.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

Integrity

- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18.
- Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications or coaching experience to be misrepresented.
- Never advocate or condone the use of illicit drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances or methods.
- Never participate in or advocate practices that involve match fixing.

Respect

- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.

POST GAME HOCKEY ETIQUETTE

The following requirements have been established by your Club to foster and model good sportsmanship in hockey and will apply to all matches including when playing other Labrador Tigerstix teams.

At the completion of your match:

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Coaches will:

- thank the opposition Coach and Manager – possibly tapping elbows;
- thank both umpires and thank them for their time – possibly tapping elbows.

Players will:

- tap sticks/elbows with all opponents and thank them for the game;
- thank both umpires and possibly tap elbows;
- thank their coach and manager for their assistance.

If a member fails to comply with these codes of conduct in a manner which brings the Club into disrepute, the Club management will consider whether his/her membership will be terminated.