

## 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 – Sport Australia Coach Code of Conduct**

- Respect the rights and dignity of every person regardless of gender, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation
- Promote a safe and inclusive environment, in which every person is protected and free from discrimination, harassment and abuse
- Ensure every person has equal opportunity to participate regardless of age, ability or experience
- Ensure that all equipment and activities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and abilities of every person
- Promote the principles of fair play and discourage foul play and/or unsporting behaviour
- Always consider the safety and wellbeing of participants before performance and results and follow the advice of a physician/medical officer in determining when an injured participant may return to training and competition
- Maintain respectful and appropriate relationships with every person, especially to participants to which you owe a duty of care
- Never engage in inappropriate conduct including the use of offensive language, drinking or smoking, whilst in an official capacity
- Ensure coaching qualifications are up to date and accredited by the appropriate sporting body
- Follow the guidelines and rules set down by the organisation and governing body
- Call out and refer to organisation authorities all acts of unethical behavior, whether from players, officials, parents or spectators
- At all times act as a role model for others, displaying high standards of good sporting behavior

## **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:

**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.**