

Labrador Tigerstix Hockey Club

SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

Our commitment

Our club is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

Inappropriate behaviours are outlined in our Code of Behaviour and specifically include:

- using bad language
- harassing or ridiculing players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- making racist, religious, sexist or other inappropriate comments to players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- putting undue pressure on children, berating them or putting down their performance
- drinking to excess at a game or training or club event.

What we will do

- Provide members, their parents and other sporting personnel with our Code of Behaviour and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Where possible, bind non-members by prominently displaying conditions of entry to grounds and facilities and by requiring parents to abide by club rules (eg. by ensuring that parents and supporters club members adhere to the agreed Code of Behaviour).
- Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by displaying signs and posters around our facilities and providing information on our website, in our newsletter and through other club communication.
- Encourage our coaches and officials to complete training to develop their skills and confidence.
- Ban bringing alcohol to training, a game or club event.

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- Encourage reporting of incidents that are a breach of code of conduct. Investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this policy and take disciplinary or whatever other actions as are deemed necessary.
- Encourage our players, coaches, officials and spectators to call the police if they are concerned about escalating behaviour and their safety or the safety of others.

What we ask you to do

- Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials and other spectators.
- Abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others, or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is a ground official or committee member present, ask for their assistance.
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to the club president or someone in a position of authority.
- Call the police or a club official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

Non-Compliance

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately who have agreed to abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and this policy may face disciplinary action as determined by the management committee.

I, _____ have read and understood the policy and will abide by it as a member of Labrador Tigerstix Hockey Club.

Signature:

Date:

If under 18 years of age, parent/guardian:

Signature:

Date:

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