



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 or match official. Accept umpires decisions as part of the game. They are doing the best they can on the field to manage the game according to the rules and players must play the whistle. Prolonged arguing will be treated by officials as dissent which will attract a personal penalty for the player (Yellow card = time out on the bench). Players who attract personal penalties and leave the team short of field players are letting their team down.

The team captain is the only person who may seek clarification from the umpire on field and this must be done respectfully at the time of the decision. Coaches and managers are not ever permitted to question umpires. Dissent from anyone on the bench can result in a personal penalty (green or yellow card) to the captain which will leave the team short.

Umpires may not be approached after the game to discuss their decision making during the game. It is up to the team manager to question the Tech bench on any issues, but the umpires decisions on field cannot be altered after a match. Always respect the decision making of the match officials and your coach.

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 when they identify 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.