



Name	<b>PADHC Junior Sport Code of Behaviour</b>		
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## **JUNIOR SPORT CODE OF BEHAVIOUR PORT ADELAIDE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INC.**

### **1. PURPOSE**

Young people involved in sport have a right to participate in a safe and supportive environment. Australians are sport mad. We love our sport; however, this can at times create unpleasant situations.

Over-zealous parents, boisterous spectators, opinionated players and quick-tempered coaches may need to be reminded of appropriate behaviour when involved with junior sport.

The Australian Sports Commission has developed the Codes of Behaviour to remind and encourage all Australians involved in junior sport to support and nurture all our young players. The Codes of Behaviour provide the basis for fair play for young people and encourage fun, friends and safe environments.

The Port Adelaide District Hockey Club ('the Club') fully supports and endorses the initiatives of the Australian Sports Commission and the Office of Recreation and Sport in the development of a code of behaviour for Junior Sport.

### **2. SCOPE**

These Codes of Behaviour identify a series of key principles on which young players, parents, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators should base their sporting involvement.

The Codes will ensure that young people develop good sporting behaviours and have an enjoyable experience of sport, which will encourage them to remain involved throughout their lives.

### **3. POLICY**

#### **1.1 Players**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, deliberately distracting, or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **1.2 Parents**

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **1.3 Coaches**

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the 'just average' need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **1.4 Administrators**

- Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision-making related to the activity.
- Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in sport, not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator, etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.

- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not over-emphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, rather than winning at all costs.
- Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **1.5 Officials**

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes that will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give all young people a

### **1.6 Spectators**

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **4. REVIEW OF POLICY**

The Club will review this policy annually or as often as it determines necessary and will make any changes it determines necessary or desirable.

## 5. ACCESS TO POLICY

This policy will be available for viewing by any member of the club via its website ([www.padhc.com.au](http://www.padhc.com.au)) or a copy will be provided upon request.

## 6. RELATED POLICIES

Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PADHC Member Protection Policy</li><li>PADHC Codes of Behaviour Policy</li><li>PADHC Child Safe Policy</li></ul>

## 7. RELATED EXTERNAL REFERENCES

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy <a href="http://www.hockey.org.au/Portals/2/PDFs/Committees%20&amp;%3B%20Governance/2015%20Hockey%20Australia%20Member%20Protection%20Policy%20V9%20%20FINAL.pdf">http://www.hockey.org.au/Portals/2/PDFs/Committees%20&amp;%3B%20Governance/2015%20Hockey%20Australia%20Member%20Protection%20Policy%20V9%20%20FINAL.pdf</a></li></ul>

## 8. CHANGE HISTORY

Version	Approval date	Approved by	Change
001	April 2002	Management Committee	Original
002	January 2016	Management Committee	Existing policy reviewed, updated and transferred to new Policy format.
003	15 February 2017	Management Committee	Reviewed – no change