



## Leeds Hockey Club Code of Conduct

This document outlines the expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct from all members of Leeds Hockey Club. It applies to members involved with all hockey activities, including league games, friendly matches or training sessions, at any venue.

All individuals at Leeds HC will, at all times:

- Respect the spirit of fair play in hockey. This is more than playing within the rules, it also incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always participating with the right spirit.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players, spectators and staff at all venues. No abuse will be tolerated at any time.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.
- Never participate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The Club has a zero tolerance policy on drugs.
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with dignity.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young participants, new members and spectators.
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Do not actively challenge decisions with Umpires during a game. Direct any queries to your Captain who may seek clarification on behalf of the team.
- Shake hands with opponents and Umpires at the end of a game.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures.
- Dress appropriately during matches in correct team kit and ensure all shirts are numbered.
- Keep the relevant Captain/Chair of Selections informed of your availability and avoid dropping out at short notice.
- Respect team selection decisions and escalate any challenges appropriately to your Captain, Manager, Coach or Club Captain.
- Ensure that social media sites do not contain material that may be, or considered to be, potentially derogatory, offensive or abusive. Comments that are open to the public must reflect respect, courtesy and tolerance and contain only appropriate material.
- Abide by the England Hockey (EH) Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy and Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines. (see [www.englishockey.co.uk](http://www.englishockey.co.uk))
- Abide by the EH Equity Policy. (see [www.englishockey.co.uk](http://www.englishockey.co.uk))
- Abide by the EH Anti-doping Rules. (see [www.englishockey.co.uk](http://www.englishockey.co.uk))
- Abide by the EH Code of Conduct and Behaviour. (see [www.englishockey.co.uk](http://www.englishockey.co.uk))
- Abide by all regulations and rules outlined in the Leeds Hockey Club Constitution and associated Disciplinary Code.

**This document was updated Jan 2021. It is reviewed annually and amended if necessary at the Club's Annual General Meeting.**