



RICHMOND HOCKEY CLUB JUNIORS

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/CARERS & SPECTATORS**

### **Parents/Carers & Spectators should:**

- Work with your child's coaches to build positive and friendly relationships remembering that coaches are generally volunteering to give up their own time for the benefit of the children.
- If concerned or aggrieved in any way about the coaches methods or exercises, try to approach them calmly at a time which is convenient to you both to discuss the matter, not at half time in a match.
- Help your child to learn what it means to be a team player. Always make sure that they turn up for training and matches, don't let people down unless there is a really good reason and then make sure you let them know in good time!
- Teach your child to be a good sports person by your own example, e.g. applaud all young people's achievements including your child's team mates and the opposition's team.
- Teach your child to win and loose with dignity. Chat to parents from the opposition's team.
- Respect the officials on the pitch. Never question decisions of the umpire during the game. Thank the coaches and the umpires and your child will learn to do the same.
- Praise and encourage your child as much as possible - all of us do better when people say positive things to us.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.



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**Parents/Carers & Spectators should not:**

- Shout criticisms or coach from the sidelines, it upsets and confuses children and you are there as a parent, not a coach!
- Tolerate rude, aggressive or unsporting behaviour from your child. When you are home, talk to them seriously about it, stressing how they should behave and the standards that the Club expects.
- Never encourage your child to play deliberate fouls or be overly physical.
- Let your child come unprepared, hungry or in poor health. Always make sure they have everything they need, help them learn to organise and take care of their own things.
- Put unrealistic expectations or pressure on your child. Remember they should participate because they want to, not because you want them to.
- Let your child misuse or cause damage to any of the club's property, equipment or grounds, e.g. climbing on goals, fences, equipment bins, trees etc
- Let your child wear inappropriate clothing or footwear on the pitch. Studs and muddy astro shoes cause damage to the pitch surface.

If you have any queries or comments please address them to the Club Secretary, Lucy Munro.