# Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Spectators

**In general –**

* Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them
* Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
* Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
* Never force your child to take part in sport
* Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
* Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
* Publicly accept officials’ judgements
* Support your child’s involvement and help them to enjoy their sport
* Use correct and proper language at all times
* Ensure your child pays annual subscription by published due dates and correct match fees are brought and paid on match days

# In particular –

When delivering or collecting children to/from **any** junior club hockey activity please**:**

* + Arrive in good time for the commencement of the session; check that supervision is present and that **the activity is actually going to take place before leaving your child**. He/she must not be brought early to a session and allowed to play or roam unsupervised
	+ Ensure your child is properly attired and has adequate extra clothing on cold winter evenings which should include tracksuit bottoms or similar. A plastic bottle containing water or a non-fizzy drink should also be provided to prevent dehydration during activity, drink breaks are provided within the sessions
	+ Shin pads are mandatory, mouth guards are highly desirable
	+ Parent/carer’s are expected to be on-time to collect children following club activities – due allowances must be made for traffic conditions prevailing at the time
	+ At times of inclement weather it is parent/carers responsibility to decide whether their child should attend a particular planned activity. **The club reserves the right to cancel or cut short any activity without notice** where danger is likely to arise, for example in the case of a freezing or frozen playing surface.

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