



Guidelines for Parents

Waterford Hockey Club believes that parents should:

- Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect the outcome of a game, a player or an opponent.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question their judgment or honesty. Respect children's officers, designated persons, coaches, umpires, youth organisers, managers and other players.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides. Encourage mutual respect for teammates and opponents.
- Take an interest in your child's sport and support the child's participation in their chosen activity.
- Be aware of your child's welfare to prevent over playing and to ensure correct procedures are followed if recovering from injury if these occur. Be particularly mindful of concussion.
- Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms. (See bullying policy within these guidelines).
- Abide by the guidelines set out by the Government of Ireland, The HSE, Sport Ireland and Hockey Ireland regarding Covid-19.
- Contact the Children's Officer, Shirley Moore (087) 2307450, if you have any problems or concerns.

Parent's Code of Conduct

Parent(s) will:

- Respect the rules and procedures set down by Hockey Ireland.
- Commit to the core values of the game, respect, inclusivity and integrity.
- Respect your child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams. Parents will encourage your child to treat other participants, coaches, children's officers, officials, selectors and managers with respect.
- Give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from your child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.
- Respect your child's leader(s) and support his/her efforts.
- Respect the officials and their authority during sessions and events within the club and under the auspices of Hockey Ireland.
- Never demonstrate threatening or hateful conduct or abusive behaviour or use foul language.

I agree to abide by the rules and procedures of Hockey Ireland and in particular the Guidelines and Code of Conduct for Parents.

Parent/Guardian Name (in print): _____ **Signature:** _____

Date: _____