

Abingdon Hockey Club

Player Code of Conduct

Abingdon Hockey Club strives to balance participation and performance, and as a club strongly believe that players should be playing the game for enjoyment. To assist with this objective, the club asks that all players abide by the following expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct.

This will apply to all hockey played whether, league games, friendly matches or training sessions.

All such individuals involved in hockey 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.

- This includes umpires, officials, coaches, captains, players and spectators.
- Respect those who voluntarily give up their time to promote and sustain hockey development within the club.
- No abuse will be tolerated at any time.

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.
- Respect and listen to your captain and fellow players when called for substitution.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young participants and spectators.

Follow club rules and the instruction of coaches and officials at training sessions and matches, both home and away.

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.

Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.

Never use inappropriate language or gestures.

- No abuse will be tolerated at any time.

Team captains should discuss decisions with umpires during a game.

- Direct any queries to your captain.

Regularly attend club training.

Dress appropriately during games.

- Home Kit - Blue shirt, Blue skort/shorts and Blue socks.
- Away Kit - White shirt, Blue skort/shorts and Maroon socks.

Kit can be purchased online at abingdonhockey.org.uk/home-2/kit/

Shake hands with opponents and umpires at the end of a game.

Let captains know availability as soon as possible and avoid late cancellations except through injury or exceptional circumstances.

- Be willing to support all the teams to help ensure we get a full team out where possible.

Take responsibility to check times and travel arrangements for matches.

- Players are expected to be at venue 45 minutes before start and ready for team talk and warm up.
- Players will be notified of cancellations by captain.

Try to improve your own understanding and enjoyment of the game by also learning the rules.

Additional:

- Abide by the England Hockey Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy and Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines.
<http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=1782§ionTitle=Policy>
- Abide by the England Hockey Equity Policy
<http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=1805§ionTitle=Code+of+Ethics+%26+Behaviour>
- Abide by the England Hockey Anti-doping Rules.
<http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=1793§ionTitle=Anti-Doping>
- Abide by the England Hockey Code of Conduct and Behaviour
<http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=1805§ionTitle=Code+of+Ethics+%26+Behaviour>

BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

It is expected that isolated breaches of the code will be dealt with informally, by captains or other club officials. Breaches which significantly affect a player's performance or the team's performance may also affect their subsequent selection for a team. Disciplinary offences (red cards etc.) which fall under the England Hockey disciplinary system will be dealt with under that system.

Persistent and/or serious breaches of the code which are likely to bring the club into disrepute or to seriously impair a team's performance or enjoyment of a game may need to be treated more formally. In this case, a sub-committee of five committee members who are independent from the incidents in question should be selected by the committee (usually including the chairman and the two club captains) to investigate the incident and decide upon any further action. Further action may include issuing a warning, suspending the player from playing, suspending the player from his/her position or even suspension from the club for a fixed period of time for serious breaches (especially if a warning has already been issued).

It is the team captain's responsibility to report significant breaches of the code to the committee, but any member of the club may also do so.