



Gillingham Anchorians Hockey Club

Code of Conduct for Junior Players

Gillingham Anchorians Hockey Club is committed to the view that everybody has a responsibility to 'play the game' – players, coaches, team managers, officials, leaders, administrators, parents and spectators. Together their attitudes and actions can ensure high standards of sporting behaviour and help emphasise fun friendly and individual fulfilment.

Gillingham Anchorians Hockey Club runs its youth development programme with certain principles of participation in mind. These principles are set out below and members must endeavour to abide by them.

Principles

Fairness

- Treat others with the same respect and fairness that you would like them to show you.
- Winning at all costs is not encouraged – play by the rules.
- Be a good sport and applaud good moves by your team and the opposing team.

Independence

- Do things for yourself before expecting others to do them for you.
- Take responsibility for your own decisions on the pitch.
- Listen, learn and practice.
- Anticipate your own needs, be organised and on time.

Co-operation

- Co-operate with your coach, teammates, umpires, and opponents – without them you do not have a game.
- Acknowledge, respect, and thank officials and opposing players.

Tolerance

- Show patience with others; encourage each other and never criticise.
- Accept decisions of umpires or coaches without question or signs of disagreement – tolerance will improve your game.
- Accept defeat without disappointment.
- Control your temper and act with dignity at all times.
- Never retaliate in any way or for any reason.
- Never use foul or abusive language.



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Responsibility

- Attend training sessions and try to be available for all matches – advise your coach if unavailable.
- Wear suitable kit, including shin pads and a gum shield when training and playing in matches.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Look out for yourself and others and challenge those whose behaviour falls below the expected standards.
- Speak out if anything makes you concerned or uncomfortable.
- Good behaviour applies when on and off the pitch – you are a representative of the club and must uphold its good reputation.
- Do not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs, on club premises or when representing the club.

Friendship

- Keep in touch with the friends you make.
- Take time to thank those who help you take part, whether family, organisers or teammates.

Inclusiveness

- Appreciate that we all bring something valuable and different to our sport.
- Value and learn from the variety that you observe in other people and places.

Fun

- **Remember that the aim of the game is to have fun and to improve your skills.**