

## Gillingham Anchorians Hockey Club Junior Player Code of Conduct



GAHC is committed to the view that everyone has a responsibility to ensure that all involved in our game are treated fairly and with respect – players, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents, and spectators. Together, our attitudes and actions can ensure high standards of sporting behaviour and help emphasise the fun and friendly nature of hockey for all.

All GAHC junior players are expected to play by the principles set below

**Fairness**; Treat others as you would like to be treated. Cheating or 'win at all costs' is strongly discouraged – play by the rules.

**Responsibility**; You are responsible for your own actions and decisions on the pitch. Do things for yourself before expecting others to do them for you. Be organised and be on time. Listen, learn and practise – take every opportunity to become a better player.

**Respect and Co-operation**; Listen and co-operate with your coach, teammates and umpires – without them you do not have a game. Acknowledge, respect and thank the umpires and opposition players. Accept umpiring or coaching decisions with respect. Take time to thank those who help you take part – teammates, coaches, umpires and your parents/carers.

**Kindness and Friendship**; Show patience with others. Encourage and never criticise. Control your temper – if you are feeling frustrated, take a break or speak to a member of the coaching team. Never retaliate, in any way or for any reason. Never use foul, abusive or offensive language. Understand that everyone brings something valuable and different to our sport.

**Safety**; Wear suitable kit, including shin pads and gumshields, which are essential. Look out for yourself and others. Challenge or report behaviours and words which fail to meet our principles. Speak to a member of the coaching team if anything makes you concerned or uncomfortable. Smoking, alcohol and drug use are not tolerated.

**Club Player**; Attend training sessions and try to be available for all matches. Work hard for yourself and for your team. You are a representative of GAHC – good behaviour applies on and off the pitch.

**Fun**; Hockey should always be about fun – for you and for all those around you. Sometimes we will lose a game, but as long as your had fun with your team, remember that the score isn't important.



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**Junior players have the right to expect the following** from the coaches, administrators and other responsible adults at their sessions:

- To be safe and happy while at junior hockey sessions or matches
- To be listened to
- To be respected and treated fairly
- To be protected from abuse from other members or outside sources while taking part in hockey
- To participate on an equal basis
- To experience competition and team play
- Most important of all, to have fun

If your coach feels that the code of conduct is not being followed, they will issue the following (Parents/carers will be informed at all stages):

- A verbal warning
- A 5-minute timeout
- A timeout for the rest of the session
- A one session ban
- A conduct discussion between the Director of Junior Coaching the parents/carers

## **Parent/Guardian Conduct**

- Encourage your child to learn and play within the rules and help them recognise that performance and enjoyment are more important than results
- Set a good example, by respecting officials, coaches, other players and opposition and by using appropriate language while around the junior hockey pitch
- Ensure your child arrives on time, prepared for their session or match, including suitably dressed for the time of the year
- Complete paperwork for GAHC as required and ensure your child's details are kept up to date.

## Agreement

I understand and agree to follow the code of conduct.

I understand what I can expect from the adults at my sessions.

I understand what will happen if I do not follow the code of conduct.

Name of junior	Date
Junior Signature	
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Name of parent/guardian	_ Date
Parent/guardian signature	