

# *Dart Hockey Club*

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## **Junior Code of Conduct/Rules for Junior Players**

The aim of Dart Hockey Club Junior Section is to promote healthy participation in sport. It is hoped that everyone will play to the best of their ability and that teams are successful. However, we believe that it is as important to enjoy hockey and play fairly.

The following Code of Conduct and Rules have been written to uphold the aims of Dart Hockey Club and to help and protect all junior players, umpires, spectators and parents involved in the playing of hockey regardless of whether it is in league games, friendly matches, or training sessions.

We believe you should:

- Compete for enjoyment.
- Do your best.
- Show team spirit and positive sporting behaviour.
- Play within the rules at all times
- Respect colleagues, coaches, opponents and the decisions of officials.
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Wear suitable kit (including shin pads and gum shields) for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Do not use inappropriate language.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.

Players are the most important people in the sport of hockey, and the most fundamental part is playing for a team and for the team to win; but this is not at any cost – fair play and respect for all other participants in the game is fundamentally important. Players should make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina; give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game. Also set a positive example for others.

All opponents should be treated with due respect at all times irrespective of the result of the game and their safety should be safe-guarded and help should be provided to injured opponents.

All players should accept the decision of the Umpire without protest, avoid words or actions which may mislead an Umpire, and show due respect towards Umpires – remember to thank both Umpires at the end of the game. All players should give respect to their Coach and to team officials of the opposition.