



PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Always give your best and enjoy what you do
- Learn the rules of hockey and play by the rules
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of umpires and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behavior in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or even the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Show appreciation for club volunteers and committee members, coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, there would be no hockey.
- Enjoy the game, remember everyone at this level is giving up their own time and taking part purely for pleasure.
- Support your club. The club is run by volunteers who are themselves fellow members juggling busy lives, if something needs to be done, offer to help.
- If you think something can be improved at the club then speak up, communicate with a committee member and ask how you can get involved.
- All players should be aware of the 'Code of Discipline for Hockey in England' (available on the England Hockey website) and follow it during every game, regardless of whether it be a league, practice, or friendly fixture.
- Follow the Blackheath & Elthamians Hockey Club Rules
- Blackheath & Elthamians is the oldest hockey club in the world and has a lengthy and proud history, make your own contribution to this history and ensure your membership is a long, fruitful, positive and memorable one.