



LEINSTER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PLAYER AND TEAM MANAGEMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. INTRODUCTION

The LHA has full jurisdiction and authority over playing and promoting of hockey in the Province of Leinster. Any member of a club or school affiliated to the LHA agrees to comply with the Articles and Memos, Byelaws Rules and Regulations of the LHA.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT.

- (i) The code is established to create awareness of the accountability for the promotion, administration, coaching and playing of the game of hockey.

- (ii) All members of clubs and schools affiliated to the LHA are responsible for their own behaviour and conduct, and as so, accountable.
- (iii) It is the responsibility of each affiliated club and school to instruct their players and team officials of the Code of Conduct. The club shall share liability with their players and team officials should breaches occur of the Articles and Memos, Byelaws, Rules Regulations and the Code of Conduct.

3. JURISDICTION

- (I) Members shall at all times conduct themselves fairly, properly and in an acceptable manner on the field of play and any part of the hockey venue/accommodation.
- (II) No person may conduct himself/herself in a manner or commit any act or omission which may prejudice the interest of hockey or which may bring the game of hockey in disrepute.
- (III) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the following shall be regarded as conduct that is improper, unfair, and unacceptable:
 - a. Threatening to use or using Verbal/physical abuse or hostility towards any other participant, person or any other member of the public

- b. Disputing protesting and/or reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner in an inappropriate way toward any decision made by an umpire or official.
- c. Feigning injury and/or overreacting to an alleged breach or decision.
- d. Charging or advancing or towards an umpire or technical official in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- e. Using rude or abusive language or hand signals.
- f. Abuse of hockey equipment clothing, venue equipment or fixtures and fittings.
- g. Abuse of equipment such as throwing of a stick

4. PROCESS

In The event of an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct, the LHA Disciplinary Committee shall determine if there is to be a hearing. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the LHA Disciplinary Byelaws.

The LHA expects clubs to ensure that the conduct of their supporters towards players, officials and umpires is respectful or does not cause offence.

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