

Muckross Hockey Club Parents Code of Conduct

Muckross Hockey Club believes that parents/ guardians should

- Be a role model for their child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Always behave responsibly and not seek to unfairly affect the outcome of a game, a player or the opponent.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for their child.
- Never openly question the judgement or honesty of officials or volunteers in front of others.
- Always support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms.

As a parent/guardian I will:

- Understand and ensure that my child abides by the Club code of conduct.
- Respect and abide by the code of ethics for hockey (refer to Irish Hockey Website : http://www.hockey.ie/contentPage/141355/code_of_ethics) and this code of conduct for parents.
- Acknowledge the importance and the roles within the coaching staff and their effort to ensure that my child and the squad will perform to the best of their ability and enjoy the experience.
- Respect and abide by the decisions made by the coaching group.
- Respect the officials and their authority during sessions and matches within the event location and under the auspices of the organisers.
- Not be openly critical or verbally criticise officials (including umpires).
- Encourage my child to focus their efforts and success in terms of their team goals and their role within the team.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides and give positive

encouragement but no instructions as they may contradict with the team plan and confuse my child.

- Respect my child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams. (I will herefore not openly criticise any other team members).
- Never place negative, disparaging or offending messages or images that are hurtful to the coaching staff or children on websites or in social media (twitter, snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp etc.). **THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK.**
- Know my child's training and competitive programme and accept it is my responsibility for delivery and collecting my child punctually.
- Ensure the team manger is informed regarding any absenteeism, medical conditions or other relevant matters concerning my child.
- Ensure that my child follows the advice from the medical staff and other experts in preparation for playing hockey.
- Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language
- Arrange an appropriate time and place for discussing any issue I have concerning my child with the children's officer / team manager/coach/sports leader. (Communication should not take place whilst the manager / coach/ sports leader is in a position of supervision or responsible for other young people).
- Provide the manager of my child with emergency contact information and will be reasonably available in case of emergency.
- If I feel my child has been unfairly treated, I will bring that to the attention of the child welfare officer, an age group manager, team coach, junior club director or club president with the knowledge that any complaint will be dealt with promptly, effectively and confidentially.
- Have the opportunity to put forward suggestions and comments after games, training or during the season in an encouraging and non critical manner.
- Be supportive, be there for my child, listen to them and trust that they are in good hands for the duration of their training or match.

Please note:

Sanctioning may apply if necessary for any parent who has breached the above Code of Conduct or whose behaviour is deemed by the Coaches and Volunteers to be inappropriate while supporting Muckross Hockey Club.