



# VIKINGS HOCKEY CLUB

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## Code of Conduct for Players

Vikings Hockey Club (“VHC”) embraces its members’ passion to win and the competitive nature associated with team sports. However VHC does not endorse winning at any cost – Fair Play and respect for everyone associated with the game is at the heart of the Club’s values.

### Obligations towards the game – a player 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.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Not use inappropriate language.

### Obligations towards one’s own team – a player should

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help the team win.
- Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question their commitment to the team winning.

### Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules – a player should

- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, graciously.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques and equipment.

### Respect towards Opponents – a player should

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

### Respect towards the Match Officials – a player should

- Treat Match Officials with respect at all times.
- Accept the decision of the Match Official(s) without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.

### Respect towards Club Officials – a player should

- Abide by the instructions of VHC’s Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect towards the Club Officials of the opposition.

### Obligations towards Vikings Hockey Club – a player should

- Keep to agreed timings for training and games or inform their coach, manager or captain if they are going to be late, by phone call or text.
- Pay any subscription fees promptly.
- Respect the decision of the selection committee, manager, captain and coach. If a player would like to question a decision they must follow the correct procedure which is to speak to their manager or coach and if that is not acceptable to the Club Chairperson.
- Ascertain the details for games from VHC’s website and confirm their availability promptly.
- Be courteous at all times towards Club members, officials, parents, supporters and friends.
- Not undertake any activities which would bring the Club into disrepute.
- Abide by this Code when selected for Isle of Man or regional hockey squads.

Persons in breach of the Code of Conduct may be brought before the Club’s Disciplinary Committee.