



CODE OF CONDUCT

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS & PARENTS¹

Letchworth Roller Hockey Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. Members² are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club appropriately with the Club Secretary and/or the Club Chairman. These details are on the Club's website; [Committee | Letchworth Roller Hockey Club](#)

As a Player of the Letchworth Roller Hockey Club I am expected to abide by the following code of conduct:

- play because I enjoy it and want to do so, not to please coaches or parents
- try my best for myself and for my team and encourage my teammates. Recognise good play and effort from all players in my team
- listen to my coaches and team assistants' during training and competitions
- be respectful to others. Treat all players as I would like to be treated
- be on time and ready for training and competitions
- wear suitable kit –shin pads, knee pads and gloves– for training and match sessions
- bring food and drinks to training and competitions
- speak out if you feel worried or concerned to someone you trust (like a parent or family member, coach, the club Safeguarding Officers or the Player Development Officer or contact Childline 0800 1111 or [Childline | Childline](#))
- during competition: play within the rules and accept, without question, the referee's decision.
- ABOVE ALL, be a good sportsperson – win or lose. Emotions can run high, however verbal or physical abuse IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

As a Parent of a player(s), I will:

- remember that young people play for their own enjoyment not for their parents'
- be realistic about the young player's ability; Not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving. Encourage them, not force them and focus on their efforts rather than winning or losing
- talk to my child about embracing a sense of fair play and respect, make them aware of their code of conduct and encourage them to play by the rules
- remember, to respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion. To show, at all times, respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others

¹ Where we refer to 'parents' we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term 'children' or 'child' describes any person under the age of 18.

² 'Members' refers to a player and/or a parent of a player under the age of 18.

- encourage my child to be attentive during training, keep to agreed timings for training and competitions and inform any member of the committee if they are going to be late
- make sure that my child has the right kit, food and drink for training and competitions
- replace tidily all equipment borrowed; remember that borrowed equipment and strip remains the property of the Club and replace any losses.
- always use social media and communication apps responsibly when communicating on our channels. Our Club WhatsApp groups are used by the committee and officials to communicate and disseminate important information to club members. This includes updates on tournaments, training schedules, and other relevant club news. These groups should not be used as a general discussion forum among club members. Personal views that are inflammatory, discriminatory and abusive are not acceptable.
- complete all consent, contact and medical forms, and update us if anything changes
- pay any fees promptly

In Competition, I will:

- be respectful of everyone participating; coaches, staff, volunteers, officials, young people, parents and other teams (including club officials and supporters)
- respect Coaches & Managers decisions. To raise any concerns appropriately with the coach or head coaches.
- remember not to coach from the sidelines as this may cause confusion
- behave positively and respect and accept the official's judgement and refrain from any behaviours that will bring the club into disrepute. REMEMBER that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude
- always support the Club in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game
- not enter the 'dug-outs' or rink during training or competition unless invited to do so. As this also contravenes the rules of the game

We expect all players and parents to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any player or parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, the Committee will address the problem with the player and/or parent and aim to resolve the issue promptly.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in, players being withdrawn from games or parents being asked not to attend games, if their attendance is considered a risk to our players, club officials, volunteers, parents and impact on others enjoyment.

Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking a player or parent to leave the activity, event or club permanently, something that we never want to do.

These codes of conduct for players and parents are based on the Code of Conducts created by the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit. Further information can be found on the CPSU website [Sample codes of conduct | CPSU](#)

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