



## **Suburban Lions Hockey Club**

### **Member Code of Conduct**

The Suburban Lions Hockey Club expects a high level of behaviour and sportsmanship from our players, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators at all times. The code of conduct allows for all involved to learn, improve and enjoy participation in the game and hence assist in fostering the sport of hockey.

We expect our members, parents, officials, umpires, coaches and spectators to uphold the commitments below at all times:

#### **Club values**

- We respect and value all members, coaches, officials and supporters on and off the field
- We embrace diversity and inclusiveness.
- We are proactive and progressive, striving for improvement.
- We compete fairly and with dignity, consistently exemplify good sportsmanship.

#### **Our Objectives:**

- We want all our players to learn good hockey skills and habits.
- We want all our players to enjoy playing hockey.
- We want all our players to be positive advocates of the club.
- We want our club to be a professional, safe and supportive environment for all members.

#### **Junior Player**

- Play by the rules.
- Play for enjoyment, not just to win or please your parents or coach.
- Never argue with umpires' decisions. Let your coach ask any necessary questions.
- Control your temper. No swearing, abuse or sledging.
- Remember, hockey is a team game. Encourage your teammates.
- Be a good sport. Recognise your opponents' good play, as well as your own teams.

- Exercise reasonable care to prevent injury by ensuring that you play within the rules. Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and respect your opponents.

### **Senior Players**

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain/team representative approach the official during a break or after the competition
3. Control your temper. Verbally abusing officials, sledging or provoking your opponent and criticising your teammates, are unacceptable behaviours.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **Coaches and Spectators**

1. Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
2. Respect the decisions of officials. Without them, there would be no game.
3. Never ridicule or criticise players for making a mistake. Whilst positive comments are motivational, negative comments (including those made in jest) can have unintended and serious consequences.
4. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
5. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
6. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
7. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
9. No Interaction with umpires: With the sole exception of umpire mentors / team managers as applicable, parents and spectators must never approach or engage with an umpire in any way or at any time regarding their officiating of the game. This includes any verbal or physical questioning or criticizing of umpiring decisions. Accusations or suggestions of umpire bias are entirely unacceptable.

10. Support all volunteers assisting to run the game including the umpires, officials, coaches and team managers. They give up their own time to provide the recreational activities for the enjoyment of all players and without them, there would be no hockey.

## **RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

Players and parents are requested to raise and attempt to resolve any game matters of concern with their team manager on the day or as soon as possible after the incident.

If the matter is not resolved amicably or to the satisfaction of those concerned, then the matter should first be referred to the Club Executive for consideration and if determined necessary referred to either the Judiciary Committee.

### **Breach the SLHC code of conduct**

A breach of this code may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the coach, captain/team representative and/or Committee. Disciplinary action will depend on the severity of the breach, but may involve:

1. a verbal caution;
2. a sending off (for either a short period or the remainder of the game);
3. suspension;
4. in the case of serious or repeated breaches, cancellation of Club membership.

All cases are to be directed to [secretary@suburbanlions.org.au](mailto:secretary@suburbanlions.org.au)