

Code of Conduct for Parents, Guardians and Spectators

The objective of London Wayfarers Hockey Club (LWHC) is to be respected for our hockey and known as a warm friendly club where our opposition, family and friends feel welcome.

The following Code of Conduct for Parents, Guardians and Spectators has been written to uphold the aims of London Wayfarers Hockey Club and to help and protect all players, umpires and spectators involved in the playing of hockey regardless of whether it is in league games, friendly matches or training sessions.

LWHC encourages parents/guardians/spectators to take an active interest in their child's development within hockey. Parents, ex-players, friends and others are always welcome to attend matches. LWHC asks that every parent, guardian or spectator observe the following:

- Each individual is accountable for his or her own actions. It is your personal responsibility to treat your own team, opposition players, coaches, spectators and the umpires with respect before, during and after the match.
- All spectators must stay off the pitch at all times and, wherever, possible at the opposite side of the ground from the team area.
- Show respect for your team's opponents and the umpires, without them there would be no game.
- Never use threatening or abusive language or behaviour towards young people, officials or other parents or supporters.
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.

- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to understand that the enjoyment of sport and fair play are more important than winning.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.

If you have any queries or comments please address them to:
LWHC's Welfare Officer, Matthew Dean.

Approved on behalf of London Wayfarers Hockey Club:

Signed
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Position Chairman

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