



Parent and Carer Code of Conduct

Alton Hockey Club relies on our army of parents and carers to help our junior section thrive. Parents and carers set the tone for the conduct of the players and as such it is expected that at all times they will;

- Focus on the young people's efforts and enjoyment rather than winning or losing.
- Teach young people that honest effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment/enthusiasm.
- Remember that people learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants
- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Show respect or all players from all teams. Never heckle or show frustration at poor performances, mistakes or disappointing results
- Show respect for the decisions of the officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Leave the coach to communicate with individual players on the field of play and to debrief players afterwards.
- Show an appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators – without their efforts there would not be a hockey club
- Inform the team coach or manager of any new or changed injury, health or welfare issue that you consider is appropriate for them to know.
- Never swear or use inappropriate language and gestures.
- Support all efforts to remove bad or abusive language and unsporting behaviour.
- Raise any safeguarding concerns immediately with the Welfare Officer and report any other concerns or complaints promptly to the coach, Junior Chairman or a member of the club committee
- Promote the reputation of the club and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute
- Use the club's social media platforms responsibly. Do not use social media as a means of airing grievances Bear in mind that all players and the general public can view content.