



Hockey
AUSTRALIA

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Play the Whistle is an initiative to encourage competing hockey teams, team officials (off field staff) and spectator groups to play in the true spirit of the game. The spirit of the game encompasses demonstrating behaviours that are outlined in the codes of behaviour. Teams that demonstrate the true spirit of hockey will be rewarded with points corresponding to their degree of fair play at the end of each match. The allocation of points will be decided by the umpires and technical officials and recorded on the match report. An award will be given to the team with the highest number of points accumulated at the end of the championship.

This initiative will be phased in over several years with the intention of it filtering down to club competition levels.

- 2005 Australian Championships (AHL, U21, U18, U15 Indoor and Veterans)
- 2006 State Championships
- 2007 Regional and Club Competitions

Points for each team are awarded as follows:

3 POINTS: Exceptional behaviour was demonstrated by the team, coach, manager and spectators. The game was played in the true spirit of hockey.

2 POINTS: The game was played in good spirit by the team. The players, coach, manager and spectators all demonstrated overall good behavior and adhered to their codes of behaviour.

1 POINT: The match was incident-free however the team played with less than ideal spirit. One or more players, the coach, manager and/or spectators demonstrated less than ideal behaviour however were not in breach of their code of behaviour.

0 POINTS: The team, the coach, manager and/or spectators created a hostile atmosphere. Behaviour was less than acceptable and was in breach of one or more codes of behaviour.

-1 POINT: The team, the coach, manager and/or spectators demonstrated unacceptable behaviour which interfered with the conduct of the game.

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Players Code of Behaviour

As a player selected to represent your State Association in an event that is conducted or sanctioned by Hockey Australia, you are expected to meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct.



1. Behave in a sporting manner at all times to all players, officials and spectators.
2. Don't make detrimental statements in respect of the performance of any match officials or umpires.
3. Play by the rules at all times and ensure that the game of hockey is not brought into disrepute by your actions.
4. Do not engage in inappropriate and/or physical contact with players or officials during the course of play.
5. Accept responsibility for all actions taken. Exercise reasonable care to prevent injury by ensuring that you play within the rules. Reasonable care consists of showing due diligence in abiding by the rules and adhering to the officials decisions.
6. Adhere to the Anti-Doping Policy advocated by Hockey Australia.
7. Do not bet on the outcome or on any other aspect of a hockey match or competition.
8. Do not try to achieve a contrived outcome to a match or competition, or otherwise improperly influence the outcome or any other aspect of a match or a competition.
9. Do not show unnecessary obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval (by action or verbal abuse) towards an umpire or match official as a consequence of his or her decision or generally.
10. Abstain from the use of tobacco and the consumption of alcoholic beverages while in the playing/representative uniform.
11. Adhere to HA racial and sexual vilification policy.
12. Don't do anything which adversely affects or reflects on or discredits the game of hockey, Hockey Australia, any member State Association, or any squad, team, competition, tournament, sponsor, official supplier or licensee, including, but not limited to, any illegal act or any act of dishonesty or fraud.
13. Refrain from using obscene, offensive or insulting language and/or making obscene gestures which may insult other players, officials or spectators.

The Tournament Director and/or Event Coordinator are responsible for ensuring that the Code of Behaviour is met at all times.

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Coaches, Manager, Team Officials Code of Behaviour

As a coach, manager or team official selected to represent your State Association in an event that is conducted or sanctioned by Hockey Australia, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct.



1. Treat all players with respect at all times.
2. Behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all times to other coaches, officials, players and spectators.
3. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
4. Avoid situations that may lead to a conflict of interest.
5. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
6. Make no detrimental statements in public in respect of the performance of any match officials or umpires.
7. Promote a climate of mutual support amongst the players. Encourage players to respect one another and their worth within the team.
8. Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
9. Determine, in consultation with the player, what information is confidential and respect that confidentiality.
10. Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.
11. Adhere to the Anti-Doping Policy advocated by Hockey Australia.
12. Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
13. Recognise individual differences in players and cater to these as best you can.
14. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your players. Provide a training program which is planned and sequential. Maintain or improve your current NCAS accreditation, seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education and be open to other people's opinions.
15. Refrain from using obscene, offensive or insulting language and/or making obscene gestures which may insult players, officials or spectators.

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Spectators Code of Behaviour

As a spectator watching an event that is conducted or sanctioned by Hockey Australia, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct.



1. Spectators are an important part of the game and shall at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behaviour.
2. Spectators shall at all times respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
3. Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and fellow spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
4. Respect the umpires' decision. Do not abuse, threaten or intimidate an umpire or match official and do not show dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards an umpire or match official's decision in an abusive or unreasonable fashion.
5. Support skilled performances and show respect for opposition teams and players.
6. Display appropriate social behaviour by not using profane, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
7. Leave the spectator area tidy and free from litter.
8. Do not ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support.
9. Acknowledge all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time to enable the conduct of competition.