



## Rathgar Hockey Club Code of Conduct

Rathgar Hockey Club wants to provide the best possible environment for all people involved in the sport and they deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These participants have rights, which must be appreciated, and responsibilities that they must accept while treating other participants and sports leaders with fairness and respect.

### Players are entitled to:

- Be safe & enjoy playing the sport
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Participate on an equitable and fair manner, irrespective of ability, disability, gender, religion, social class, sexual orientation
- Give feedback, preferably in a constructive manner
- Make complaints and have them dealt with appropriately
- Confidentiality

### Players should always:

- Treat Sports Leaders with respect, (including administrators, coaches, umpires, managers, children's officers, club officials, etc.,)
- Players should always conduct themselves fairly, properly and in an acceptable manner on the field of play and any part of the hockey venue/accommodation
- Be organised and on time
- Give captains/coaches advanced notice of unavailability for matches/training
- Show consideration in relation to volunteer rotas
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat
- Abide by the rules set down by coaches /team managers when travelling to away events, representing the club, province or country, etc.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing Hockey in any way into disrepute

### Players should never:

- Cheat
- Threaten or use verbal/physical abuse or hostility towards any other participant, official or any other member of the public
- Use abusive hand signals, shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents
- Harm team members, opponents or their property or venue equipment or fixtures and fittings
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another player or gain advantage
- Take banned substances or be under the influence of alcohol/illegal substances whilst playing
- Discriminate against other players on the basis of gender, disability, social class, religion or sexual orientation

As a Member of Rathgar Hockey Club you are required to abide by the rules and procedures of Hockey ([www.fih.ch/media/807896/fih-rules-of-hockey-2015.pdf](http://www.fih.ch/media/807896/fih-rules-of-hockey-2015.pdf)) and in particular the LHA code of conduct ([www.leinsterhockey.ie/contentPage/157763/code\\_of\\_conduct](http://www.leinsterhockey.ie/contentPage/157763/code_of_conduct)) & Rathgar Hockey Club Code of Conduct.