



# Hailsham Hockey Club

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## Junior Section Rules

It is the responsibility of every player in the junior section and their parent/guardian/carer to read and sign the membership rules. These rules are an important part of our Child Welfare policy and should be read carefully. Full details of the clubs Equity and Child Welfare Policies can be found on the website [www.hailshamhockey.co.uk](http://www.hailshamhockey.co.uk) in the documents section.

## Conduct of Junior Players

All players must be registered, have the authority of their parents or guardians to play games and attend coaching, and must have completed the clubs registration forms and submitted a registration fee to the Club – if requested.

All parents or guardians must agree to allow their child to play, and must have completed the registration details.

Hockey (if abused) by its nature can be a dangerous sport. All club members are expected to consider safety as a paramount requirement of participation.

At all coaching sessions, players should listen to the coach, and respond immediately to the whistle. At all games, players should listen to the umpire, and respond immediately to the whistle.

At no time should any player ever use their hockey stick as a weapon against another player, or take part in any form of physical violence. In the event of such an offence, a player will immediately be removed from a coaching session or a game. Their parents will be contacted, and if considered necessary, the player will be suspended from the club.

It is expected that Club Members will promote the highest standard of sportsmanship at all times.

All Club Members must observe the highest standard of behaviour when representing the Club or attending an event/activity organised by this or any other club.

A Club Member who allows the expected level of behaviour to fall may be subject to disciplinary action. Examples of the most common types of unacceptable behaviour are:

- (a) Abusive behaviour or language
- (b) Threatening behaviour
- (c) Violent Conduct
- (d) Provocative, rude or obscene language

Any Club Member found to be in breach of any example listed above may have their membership suspended or, in certain cases, may be expelled from the Club.

Members of the Club should treat victory with humility and defeat with dignity. Hockey is about having fun in a constructive and disciplined environment.

All Club Members will abide by the rules of the Hockey Association and its' constituent leagues.

## Conduct of Parents and Guardians

Any adult taking part in any activity organised by this club, or attending such an activity with the club as a guest of another, shall conduct themselves in an EXEMPLARY MANNER. Adult behaviour must be of the highest standard to set the correct example to the players.

Players should expect advice, encouragement and support and NOT be embarrassed or humiliated by the adults watching them. Adults should NOT shout, swear, argue, become violent or use sarcasm. Wherever possible players who require help should be assisted and encouraged to overcome difficulties.

## Adults SHOULD:

- Always look for aspects to praise rather than rebuke.
- Praise good behaviour to show adults value it.
- Praise effort and performance rather than simply achievement most often in the case of a victory.
- Emphasise the importance of involvement first winning second.
- Display patience.
- Ensure players have a clear understanding of the standard of behaviour expected.
- Help players understand the rules, talk TO them, not AT them!

### Note:

We do like to see you at games and training. Please be involved and help your child enjoy hockey. Please speak to the coaches about your child's development.  
**DO NOT BE A STRANGER.**

Matters of team selection, including the playing of substitutes, remain the SOLE responsibility of the TEAM MANAGER / GAME LEADER and their decisions will remain final. Any parent/guardian or person associated with a playing member who attempts to unduly influence the Team Manager/Game Leader with regard to team selection shall be in contravention club rules and will be dealt with in accordance of these rules.

At all times, during the course of a game, the decisions made by the umpire, qualified or unqualified, appointed to officiate will remain final.

Any parent/guardian or spectator (associated to a playing member) whose behaviour is considered to fall below the required standard expected may result in the membership of that player being suspended or cancelled.

Any complaint regarding: the opposition, the umpire, spectators or any other aspect of the game MUST be dealt with by the TEAM MANAGER/GAME LEADER. If the matter is considered serious enough the CLUB SECRETARY will inform the appropriate authority. It is not acceptable for individuals to take the law into their own hands.

All parents/guardians and spectators shall abide by the rules of the Hockey Association.

## Conduct of Coaches Leaders and Volunteers

Hailsham Hockey Club has the following objectives:

- To encourage junior hockey for boys and girls.
- To provide a structured environment for juniors to learn to play hockey.
- To provide a safe environment for juniors to learn to play hockey and have fun.
- To encourage children to join the club, eventually becoming senior members.

To this end the coaches and team managers will:

- Provide a suitable amount of discipline to ensure safety.
- Encourage the children with a positive can-do attitude.
- Attempt to include all children where possible in suitable games and mini tournaments.

### Note:

Volunteers run the club. None of us are paid. If you have some time to help, then please speak to us.  
Administration on a coaching session, transport to/from games, first aid, sponsorship....  
Please help us make the club work better for your children.  
Don't be afraid to volunteer.  
We weren't!

## General

We encourage parents to be involved in the club by attending coaching sessions and any matches that are arranged. They must at all times abide by the rules of the club.

At all times we expect a responsible parent or guardian to be in attendance at coaching and games for children of primary school age. If you wish to split responsibilities between parents who know the children, that is fine by us, but with the nature of the sport we cannot accept full responsibility if a parent or guardian is not present. We are not running a CRECHE service. **Hence, All parents must be contactable whilst their children are at coaching sessions or games – i.e. in person or via telephone.** Injuries can and do occur in hockey, and as such, it must be accepted as a possibility.

Hailsham HC is not insured for personal injury. All parents and guardians are expected to get suitable cover if they think it is necessary. Hailsham HC will not be held responsible for injuries that occur during coaching sessions or games, but will at all times endeavour to ensure a safety first principle.

The safety first principle may extend to shouting at children from time to time in an effort to gain attention, using the whistle or if absolutely required physically grabbing a child to avoid danger.

It must be accepted from time to time that physical contact with a child may be necessary. Teaching a child to hold a stick, or position their feet being prime examples. Such contact will of course be kept to a minimum.

Any parent or guardian who thinks this approach is unacceptable should not let their child attend club coaching or games.

Note:  
Please return this page to the club coaches. You keep page 1 and 2 for reference.

## Hailsham Hockey Club Junior Section Player Details



Please note the club charges a registration fee of £20-00 per season. This needs to be paid if your child is going to continue playing hockey, but is not required for the first few sessions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions that the Coach or leader should be aware of including any medication needed:

Note: If your child has a medical condition that may require medication during a match or training (E.G. ASTHMA), please send them with their medication.

School that the child attends: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick if you don't consent to your child's image (photo or a video) being used for club marketing purposes and/or match reports in the local papers:

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:**

I (parent/guardian) have read the rules and wish my child to play hockey for Hailsham. I agree that I will abide by the rules of the club. I understand and accept that membership details will be kept on a computer and that these details will only be used by the Hockey club for administrative purposes, and that they will not be passed onto any other organisation. I accept that the coaching staff will endeavour to place the children's safety first but that by the nature of the sport injuries may occur. If my child is injured during training or a match I accept that the coach or nominated responsible adult may administer first aid or seek medical help if required. I will send my child to training or a match with suitable clothes for the expected weather conditions and that the coaching staff cannot be held responsible for inadequately protected children. **I agree that my child will ALWAYS be sent to sessions with shinpads and a gum shield.** I accept that it is my responsibility to deliver my child to the pitch for a game/coaching session and collect them afterwards. The club is only responsible for the child whilst on the pitch, and not for their safe passage to and from the pitch. I agree with my child's details being passed to appropriate club officials to help guarantee the safety of my child.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I (child) have read the rules and wish to play hockey. I agree that I will abide by the rules of the club.

Child Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that club Insurance requires you to complete the details on this form. Club insurance does not cover personal injury or dental/medical treatment that might occur as a result.

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