

# Heaton Moor Junior Hockey Club



## Code of Conduct for Coaches

Hockey is one of the most popular sports amongst young people. It is important that all people taking part in the game are exposed to the positive experiences and protected from negative ones.

The coach is any person who is responsible for the development of an individual or group of individuals, with the following principles setting out what they are expected to adhere to:

- The coach has a responsibility to look clean and project an image of functional efficiency at all times.
- Consistently project a favourable image of the sport and of coaching to the players they are working with, their parents/families/guardians, officials, spectators and the general public.
- Make sure that the level of activity carried out by the performer is suitable for their age, strength, maturity and the ability of each individual performer.
- Encourage appropriate behaviour by the performers during both training and competition.
- Encourage the performers to abide by the rules of the sport. All performers should be encouraged to uphold the spirit of the sport.
- Help the performers to deal with victory and defeat in a sportsmanlike manner, and encourage them at all times to treat opponents with due respect.
- Coaches have a responsibility to set and uphold the boundaries between a working relationship between themselves and the performers. This is especially important when the performer is a young person.
- It is recommended that coaches should be concerned at all times with the safety and well being of the performers. There should be a sensible balance between performance and the emotional, physical, social and developmental needs of the performers.
- Coaches will, in the course of a working relationship, gather much information about performers. It is important that an appropriate degree of confidentiality is maintained and that personal information is not divulged without the permission of the performer.
- Coaches have a responsibility to make sure that performers have a safe environment to work and play within.
- It is recommended that coaches carry out their work in keeping with the regular and approved practice adopted and laid out by the association.
- It is recommended that coaches confine themselves to carrying out sessions in accordance with the experience gained whilst obtaining their highest qualification.

Signed:

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