



# EASTERN SUBURBS HOCKEY CLUB INC.



## *Eastern Suburbs Hockey Club - Player Code of Conduct Policy*

The Players Code of Conduct is a positive document for all players. It affirms a player's support for the concepts of responsibility, trust, competence, respect, safety, honesty, professionalism, equity and sportsmanship.

### ***Honour the sport***

- Act within the rules and spirit of your sport.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Never argue with an official - if you need clarification, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team - your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport - applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.

### ***Integrity***

- Show respect to and acknowledge opponents and officials (e.g. shake hands before and after the game and say things like 'good luck', 'thanks for the game', 'thanks umpire').
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents - without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit - not just to please parents, coaches or other people.

### ***Respect***

- Play fair — no verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players (including vilification) or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Do not expect or accept "special" favours from a coach or person involved in team or Club management.
- Speak to an adult or someone you trust if you have an issue, feel unsafe or are concerned about someone else.