



DROMORE LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

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POLICY STATEMENT OF DROMORE LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

From here will be referred to as DLHC

DLHC is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its participants. Every individual in DLHC should at all times, show respect and understanding for the participants' safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organization and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

In working with young in hockey our first priority is the welfare of the young people and we are committed to providing an environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from abuse, neglect, bullying and intimidation.

DLHC as an affiliated member of the IHA have adopted and implemented the Code of Ethics for Hockey for Young People as set down by this governing body and its Policies and Procedures will be adhered to and followed.

The above Policy Statement has been written into DLHC's Constitution.

Code of Ethics for Hockey for Young People is available to read on the UWHU website which can be accessed via DLHC's web page and a copy is available to read at DLHC's training ground and it is understood that on being a participant in DLHC as player/parent/coach that you have read and accepted this and will abide by the rules as lead down in the Code of Ethics.

DLHC have Codes of Conduct for Players, Parents and Sport Leaders, which are to be followed and adhered to, any misconduct will be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

CORE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES IN SPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"Young People" is any person under the age of 18 as defined under the Child Care Act 1991

- Needs of the Child the first priority is the young person's safety and enjoyment of hockey
- Have good quality, open working relationships with the young person, showing them respect at all times.
- Aim to provide a quality atmosphere, were young people feel safe and receive positive encouragement.
- All young people will be treated in a fair and equitable manner regardless of age, ability, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion.
- Fair play is much more than playing within the rules, it incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing with the right spirit.
- Competition: there needs to be a balanced approach to competition in order to develop young people there needs to be fun, satisfaction and enjoyment. Sports leaders should aim to put the welfare of the young person first and competitive standards second.

DLHC aim to follow these core principles to provide and fun, enjoyable, safe environment for the Young People of the Club.

Players should familiarize themselves with the IHA Code of Ethics, in particular the code of conduct and DLHC Child Protection Policy. Players should read below the terms of membership of DLHC, by signing this form it is accepted that you agree to abide by these terms.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Young Players should always:

- Treat Sport Leaders/Coaches with respect
- Look out for themselves and the welfares of others
- Play fairly at all times and do their best
- Be organized and on time, inform someone if you are leaving the venue or coaching session
- Respect team members, even if things are going wrong
- Respect opponents and show a good sports persons attitude even in defeat
- Abide by all rules set down by DLHC when representing the Club
- Behave in an appropriate manner at all times and avoid bringing DLHC into disrepute at all times
- Talk to the Children's Officer within the Club if there are any problems or concerns.
- Report all incidents of bullying, no matter how trivial

Young Players should never:

- Cheat
- Use violence or physical contact that is not within the rules
- Shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate an other player or gain an advantage
- Take banned substances
- Keep secrets that could cause harm
- Tell lies about adults/ coaches or young people
- Discriminate against other players for any reason

I understand and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for Young Players

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

Parents should familiarize themselves with the IHA Code of Ethics and in particular the Guidelines for Parents and be aware of DLHC Child Protection Policy which can be read on our website - www.dromoreladieshockeyclub.com

Parents will:

- Respect the rules and procedures set down by DLHC
- Respect my child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams. Parents will encourage their child to treat other participant's, coaches, children's officers, officials, selectors and managers with respect
- Give encouragement and applaud positive accomplishments whether from my child her teammates, their opponents or officials
- Respect my child's leaders and support her efforts
- Respect the officials and their authority during sessions and events within the Club
- Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behavior or use foul or inappropriate language.

I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for Parents.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please return forms to club to acknowledge that you are aware of our policies and procedures.

PARENTAL CONSENT

Events and matches may require players to travel to 'away' venues. Players may travel by car driven by parents of other players, leaders, coaches or volunteers. On some occasions they may travel by minibus or coach.

Parents are required to sign and return the consent slip stating that they give permission for their child to travel to away matches when necessary. Alternatively they may provide their own transport.

It is the parent's responsibility to find out how their child will travel or with whom on each occasion, and to make alternative arrangements if they wish.

We have been grateful in the past for all help from parents in providing transport.

It is also expected for players to make a contribution to drivers for away matches towards the cost of their fuel.

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A. Travel

I give permission for my Daughter _____ to travel by car/coach/minibus to away venues.

Signed _____ Date _____

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B. Photographs / Videos

I give permission for my Daughter _____ to have photographs/videos taken in relation to hockey matches or events, some of which may be used by the local press.

Signed _____ Date _____