

Reds Code of Conduct
Approved Monday 26 January 2024



The Reds Code of Conduct below has been established to ensure members act in responsible manner as players and representatives of the Reds Hockey Club. The Code applies to all activities directly associated with the Club including home and away games and Club organised social events.

For matters not covered by the Reds Code of Conduct, the Club will respond consistent with to the [Hockey Australia National Integrity Framework](#) and the associated [Code of Conduct](#), [Complaints and Disputes](#) process and other [policies](#) as required.

JUNIOR PLAYERS

- Play by the rules.
- Play for enjoyment, not just to win or please your parents or coach.
- Never argue with umpires' decisions. Let your coach/manager ask any necessary questions.
- Control your temper. No swearing, abuse, or sledging.
- Remember, hockey is a team game. Encourage your teammates.
- Be a good sport. Recognise your opponents' good play, as well as your own teams.
- Exercise reasonable care to prevent injury by ensuring that you play within the rules.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and respect your opponents.
- Respect each other and those who volunteer their time to make the Reds Hockey Club a supportive and friendly sporting club.
- Formally acknowledge opposition at end of game as part of good sportsmanship

SENIOR PLAYERS

- Play by the rules.
- Play for enjoyment, not just to win.
- Never argue with umpires' decisions, either during or after the game. If you need to seek clarification or ask the umpire a question during the game, it must be done so in a respectful manner. In the event that an umpire's decision needs to be questioned further or contested, let your coach or captain handle the matter.
- Never abuse, harass, or swear at coaches, umpires, officials, parents, spectators, or other players.
- Be a good sport. Recognise your opponents' good play, as well as your own teams.
- Exercise reasonable care to prevent injury by ensuring that you play within the rules.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and respect your opponents.
- Respect each other and those who volunteer their time to make the Reds Hockey Club a supportive and friendly sporting club.
- Uphold the Club's core values and respect oneself and others when attending social events hosted by the Club or attending any Hockey WA events.

COACHES

- Educate players on the rules of the game and implore them to uphold them to the highest possible standard.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time and enthusiasm.
- Do not put winning above all else.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake.
- Develop team respect for opponents, umpires and opposing coaches.

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- Never abuse, harass, or criticise umpires or your own or opposition players, coaches, or officials.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players.
- Deal with bad behaviour and unsporting conduct swiftly. If relating to juniors, involve the offending child's parents in resolving the problem.
- Respect each other and those who volunteer their time to make the Reds Hockey Club a supportive and friendly sporting club.

UMPIRES

- Always attempt to be unbiased in game decisions and look to utilise the other umpire when in doubt.
- Never initiate or return abuse or harassment from a player, coach, parent, or spectator.
- Keep yourself informed on the laws of hockey and sound umpiring principles.
- Deal with bad behaviour and unsporting conduct during the game swiftly before it escalates.
- Be dressed appropriately and arrive in a timely manner prior to the commencement of the game fixture.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

- Remember that children play sport for their fun. They are not there to entertain you.
- Be on your best behaviour. Never abuse, harass, or criticise players, coaches, umpires, or officials.
- Parents/spectators should only enter the playing field at the request of the ground controller or technical official not the umpires (unless neither of these are present in which case it defaults to the umpires request).
- Applaud good play by both teams and show respect for your opponents.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules.
- Support all volunteers assisting to run the game including the umpires, officials, coaches, and team managers.
- Respect each other and those who volunteer their time to make the Reds Hockey Club a supportive and friendly sporting club.

TREATMENT OF EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

Maltreatment of equipment or facilities, either the Club's, the College's or individuals is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Appropriate disciplinary action will be undertaken if this occurs.

CLUB MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN SOCIAL EVENTS ON SITE

- Reds Hockey Club engages in Responsible Server Practices and aims to avoid disruptive behaviour and encourages patrons to respect the College and local neighbourhood at all times.
- Persons under the age of 18 years are allowed access to the Club premises in the company of a responsible adult/guardian
- No person is permitted to bring alcohol onto the licenced area of the Club or onto the College premise.

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- No person under the age of 18 years will be served alcohol. Alcohol will only be served and consumed within the time limits of the current liquor licence.
- Members are required to follow rules set out in the Liquor Licence Act which is published at the Club.
- Hockey clubrooms will be cleared of rubbish, tidied and left in a clean state at completion of event and securely locked.
- All patrons are required to respect the premise and not deface or cause damage to any property or equipment.
- The person in charge of the licence and/or the Executive Committee has a capacity to temporarily suspend any member of the Club that acts in a manner that is in opposition to the Code of Conduct and to The Liquor Control Act 1988.

CODE OF CONDUCT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Reds will not tolerate serious breaches of the Code of Conduct and any person found to have seriously breached the Code may be subject to disciplinary action. Such action may take the form of suspensions, banning from attending games or other sanctions as deemed appropriate and determined by the Executive Committee.

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

Players, officials, and spectators are requested to raise and attempt to resolve any matters of concern with their relevant coach or team manager on the day or as soon as possible after the incident. If the matter is not resolved amicably or to the satisfaction of those concerned then the matter should first be referred to your Team Manager for consideration and if necessary, referred to the Reds Executive Committee, for review.