



NDWHA Code of Conduct Policy

This Code of Conduct (the Code) should be read in conjunction with the Hockey NSW Code of Conduct provisions, the NDWHA Rules of Competition and the Constitution of the NDWHA.

This Code of Conduct applies to all players, members, parents, spectators, officials and office bearers of affiliated clubs and organisations participating in, or in attendance at, competitions or matches conducted under the control of, or when representing, the Newcastle District Womens' Hockey Association.

Persons subject to this Code shall not:

- i. Assault or attempt to assault, lay a hand upon, shove or strike an Umpire, an Official, another player or spectator.
- ii. Abuse, either verbally or physically, in person or online, an Umpire, an Official, another player or spectator.
- iii. Dispute, as distinct from question, decisions made by umpires, selectors, officials or NDWHA Board members.
- iv. Use crude and/or abusive language, or gestures, or engage in any form of conduct detrimental to the spirit of the game, or likely to bring the game into disrepute.
- v. Appear on the field of play at any time intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or be in the possession of alcohol or drugs on the field of play.
- vi. Refuse to supply full name and registered address if required by an Umpire or Official for any reason.
- vii. Comment publicly, either verbally or in writing, with a member of the media or with a person knowing that it may be reported in the media, including posting on social media, on any matter considered likely to bring the game into disrepute.
- viii. Engage in any other conduct, either on, or in the vicinity of, the field of play, considered prejudicial to the best interests of hockey or in contravention of the Constitution and Regulations of this Association.
- ix. Act in a manner contravening the Hockey Australia National Safe Hockey Policy and Procedure, Play by the Rules and NDWHA's Use of Electronic Media and Social Networking Sites Policy.

Should a person, as categorised above, breach the Code of Conduct, the process outlined in the NDWHA Rules of Competition will be followed.