



WHITFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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Spectators Code of Conduct

Spectator behaviour is just as important as that of those on the field.

- Spectators are an important part of the game and shall at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behaviour.
- Spectators shall at all times respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Respect the umpires' decision. Do not abuse, threaten or intimidate an umpire or match official and do not show dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards an umpire or match official's decision in an abusive or unreasonable fashion.
- Never publicly criticize umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Support skilled performances.
- Show respect for opponents.
- Display appropriate social behaviour by not using profane, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Do not throw any object.
- Barrack in a positive way.
- Leave the area tidy and free from litter or other mess.
- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- The umpire may issue a warning to the team captain, of the spectators which are breaking the code of behaviour, to let the spectators know that their team will lose points if they continue to behave in a manner not inline with the code of behaviour.

"Play the Whistle Code of Behaviour" sent by Hockey Australia