

VANCOUVER FIELD HOCKEY LEAGUE

PLAYER AND COACH CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS:

- A. Playing field hockey in the Vancouver Field Hockey League is a privilege, not a right;
- B. Serious injuries can occur if players do not exercise due care and attention;
- C. The game cannot be played without umpires;

THEREFORE I AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. If in Premier Division, I will not play unless my team has a non-playing coach present and a team captain designated and wearing a captain's arm band.
2. Before the start of each game I will line up with my team at the center line and shake hands with members of the opposing team.
3. I will not speak to or say anything about an umpire, unless:
 - (a) I am asked to do so by the umpire; or
 - (b) I am my team's designated captain, I am wearing a captain's arm band, all the other members of my team are at least 5 meters away, and the umpire has given me permission to speak.
4. If I am invited or given permission to speak to an umpire, I will do so quietly and respectfully.
5. Before, during and after a game I will not threaten, abuse or harass anyone, including other players, coaches, umpires or spectators, whether physically or verbally, and I will not trash talk.
6. I accept that there is no such thing as a tackle from the "wrong side", and that opposing players may attempt to tackle me safely from any angle.
7. I will never raise my stick over the head of another player (FIH rule 9.2).
8. I will never hit the ball or swing or raise my stick in a manner that might intimidate or injure another player, or force another player to take evasive action, and accept that I may be penalized for doing so.
9. I accept that I will be penalized if I wield my stick in a dangerous manner, even if accidentally so, as player safety is of paramount importance and it is my responsibility to use every effort to avoid injuring other players.
10. If I do cause an injury I will identify myself to the umpire, and understand that if I fail to do so then the game may be forfeit and my team may be barred from further participation in the Vancouver League.
11. I will always wear a mouth guard and shin pads, and understand that I may not be covered by insurance if I fail to do so.

Player or Coach Signature

Date

League Number

Print Name

Club

Telephone Number

E-Mail Address