



HORWICH HOCKEY CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

At Horwich HC we follow the England Hockey code of conduct. The full details of which can be found at: www.englishockey.co.uk/respect.

As a club we also ask that all our members and anyone who is representing Horwich Hockey Club (this includes players, members, supporters and umpires) conduct themselves in an appropriate manner which supports and promotes the ethos of the club.

We specifically ask that:

You **do not** use abusive or threatening language towards others, including team mates, opposition or umpires.

You **do not** use threatening, intimidating or violent behaviour towards umpires, opposition or team mates.

You **do not** use derogatory language in respect of anyone's age, disability, gender, sexuality, race, religion/beliefs.

You **do not** use behaviour that could directly affect the club morale or the selection of a team. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Refusing to play on a team if is playing
- Threatening to leave the club if not selected for a particular team
- Repeatedly crying off at the last minute.
- Refusing to pass to certain other players

The code of conduct not only applies to matches but also at training and any time that you are wearing Horwich Hockey Club kit or representing the club.

Breaching the Code of Conduct.

All offences on the pitch should be dealt with by the umpires at the time and the sanctions from England Hockey will apply, i.e. green, yellow or red card.

The club also imposes an internal points and fines system for receipt of these cards. This will run per the duration of England Hockey league & then incorporate any summer league games/tournaments. This will then reset on 1st September annually.

Once you have accumulated a **point's tally of 5**, you will receive a **one match ban and a £10 fine**. Fines are to be paid before the Tuesday following a match.

Green	2 points
Captain/Team Green	1 point to all players of the match day team
Yellow	3 points
Red/MMO	Automatic minimum 16 day ban from England Hockey & £15 fine

It should also be noted that any breach of the code of conduct will be dealt with following the guidelines set by England Hockey. However, the committee also reserves the right to impose further sanctions depending on the seriousness of the offence.

APPEALS Procedure: Players can appeal the internal points/ fine system of a card, by raising the issue with their captain within 72 hours of the game. This will be then raised to the committee to decide the outcome of the card.