

OXFORD JUNIOR STARS ICE HOCKEY CLUB

Player Code of Conduct

The aim of this code is to ensure that the club is able to run smoothly and that all energies are concentrated on developing and supporting junior ice hockey. The committee and club officials spend many hours of their time and incur quite a few costs to enable you, the player, to play hockey in a safe and constructive environment. Our reward is your enjoyment and the success of the team.

Please read the following carefully and, only once you have read each item and understood it, sign where indicated at the bottom. If you have any queries please ask your team manager to explain.

- All players registered with the club must attend regular training. It is the responsibility of every player to notify the team manager or coach at least 24 hours before any intended absence. In exceptional circumstances a later notification will be acceptable if it was made at the earliest possible time. The same rule applies to games if a player is asked to play.
- All players must report to team officials at the rink one hour before the start of matches, both home and away. Players are responsible for providing their own refreshments at games. Sharing of drinks during games is not acceptable (for health reasons). Playing members must wear full protective equipment when practicing or playing in club matches.
- Whilst off ice any player who offends under this code of conduct or club disciplinary rules when under the jurisdiction of the club will be liable to disciplinary action by the club. Serious or repeated offences could result in suspension or dismissal from the club. Offences include, but are not limited to, disruptive behaviour, fighting, bullying, racial and sexual abuse, bad language, disrespectful behaviour, unsafe actions and acts that could bring the club into disrepute including damaging equipment and facilities and the use of alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind.
- On ice offences will be dealt with by on ice officials and the EIHA in the first instance. Whilst offences on-ice during a game will normally be dealt with by the on ice officials appointed by the EIHA, in exceptional circumstances the club may also take action (e.g. where the on-ice officials did not see an incident or where the repeated offences of a member are bringing the club into disrepute) in addition to any action taken by the EIHA. The responsible member(s) will be liable to pay any fine imposed upon the club as a result of on ice offences. Any penalty points incurred by a player leading to an EIHA fine will also be paid pro rata by the responsible member(s) at the prevailing rate. No player is to go on the ice for training or games without the permission of the coach or when the coach is not present.

- Players who feel that they have been unfairly disciplined by the club will be entitled to a hearing by the committee in the presence of parents/guardians.
- All monies such as subscriptions, additional ice time or game fees, EIHA fines, and equipment costs must be paid when required. Any debts overdue by more than one month (sometimes less at the club treasurer's discretion) may automatically lead to suspension from training and games.
- The club will not be responsible for loss or damage to individual player's equipment or possessions. Parents are advised to take out their own insurance if so required.
- Stealing of equipment, valuables etc. will be treated as a very serious offence and could mean instant dismissal. Stealing includes borrowing or using items not belonging to you without obtaining prior permission from the owner.
- Players are required to adhere to any club or team dress code, on and off ice, when representing the club.
- Players (and parents) must always treat team members, other club members and all officials with respect.
- Players must always remember that they are part of a team (whether playing or not) and must always aim to help improve the team as well as themselves. Actions detrimental to the team, which include actions detrimental to team mates and their development, may make you liable to disciplinary action.
- All players must realise that misbehaviour at training or games may lead to disciplinary action which could include being sent off the ice, being sent to the changing room or being benched for a game or games. There will be no refund of training fees if training sessions or games are missed because of disciplinary punishment.