

RESPECT ALL PARTICIPANTS



**ENJOY THE GAME & ALLOW
EVERYONE ELSE TO
DO THE SAME**

**Verbally abusing umpires, players or coaches
is completely unacceptable on and off the
hockey pitch.**

**Verbal abuse of participants not only reflects
badly on you but also on your club or school**



Clubs and schools must take **active responsibility** for the behaviour and actions of “participants” during and after matches.

The term “**participants**” includes:

- Players
- Team officials
- Spectators
- Teachers
- Pupils
- Umpires
- Parents
- This list is not exhaustive

The following is regarded as conduct that is improper, unfair and unacceptable:

Participants must NOT:

Verbally/physically abuse or be hostile towards any other participant, person or member of the public.

Dispute, protest or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards any decision made by an umpire/official or otherwise act in an inappropriate way.

Use rude, abusive, racist, sectarian or sexist language

Public Statements

Public statements (including those made in the press, websites, e-mail, social media, radio or television) must be fair and reasonable and must NOT involve a personal attack on another player, umpire, official, club/school or any other person or body which could bring the game into disrepute.

In addition spectators must NOT:

Encroach on to the playing area or, where there is a fence around a pitch, go inside it.

Watch matches from the team dugouts or team officials benches

Retaliate if they are subject to provocative behaviour by an opposition spectator or player.

Enter umpires' or team dressing rooms unless by invitation or to provide assistance.