



## NON-PLAYING PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOUR POLICY

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Non – playing participants (including parents, spectators and other volunteers) play a pivotal role in creating positive environment within junior sport. Sport as a whole needs to retain positive non-playing participants, whilst also encouraging those that do not display appropriate behaviours to improve the way they conduct themselves. Peel Hockey intends to create a positive junior sporting environment (including on game day) by highlighting the positive work non-playing participants, particularly parents, provide at their community sporting club.

Peel Hockey believes that by highlighting the positive behaviour non-playing participants, particularly parent's display throughout the sporting season, there is an opportunity to influence the small minorities that do not, while creating positive media exposure which is sometimes tarnished due to negative incidences at community sport.

As a non-playing participant at the Mandurah Hockey Stadium or in an event that is conducted or sanctioned by Peel Hockey, all non-playing participants are expected to meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct.

Peel Hockey believes in promoting the following sporting values:

### **Bring your best**

Bring your best behaviour and efforts to every game and training  
Enjoy the challenge win, lose or draw – win or lose with character  
Demonstrate sportsmanship  
Respect skilled performances on both sides

### **Have fun**

It's healthy activity, a game, it's sport, enjoy it!  
Enjoy practice, training and competition, at all levels

### **Give back**

Take responsibility, embrace opportunities to give back and contribute to the club that supports you  
Volunteer, lend a hand and thank those involved in bringing you the game

### **Play fair**

Play by the rules and uphold the spirit of the game  
Be honourable  
Know and do the right thing on and off the field

### **Be healthy**

Look after the wellbeing of yourself and others  
Value your mental and physical health and make good choices

### **Include one & all**

Invite everyone to participate in some way and make sport more meaningful for the whole community  
For juniors, ensure equal practice and competition opportunities

### **Show respect**

Demonstrate mutual respect for everyone – team mates, opposition, officials, club and community  
Treat others how you want to be treated  
Respect the game and everyone's contribution  
Lead by example

The following behaviours will not be tolerated under any circumstances:

- Abuse, threatening or intimidating behaviour towards an umpire or match official. Including the display of dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards an umpire or match official's decision in an abusive fashion.
- Use of profanities, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassment of players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Throwing of any object.
- Bringing alcohol to training, a game or no-alcohol event.
- Leaving the area used in an untidy or messy condition, including change rooms and dug outs.
- Ridiculing mistakes or losses.
- Personal abuse under any circumstances. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards children and teammates from other sources whilst they are in your care.
- Harassment of any player, coach, official, spectator or volunteer. This includes sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability or cultural background or beliefs.

Peel Hockey Board members, staff, club officials and all players and non-playing participants of Peel Hockey are responsible for ensuring that the Behaviour Policy is met at all times.

Peel Hockey Board Members, staff and club / match day officials have the right to inform non-playing participants that their behaviour is in breach of this Policy and as such asked to cease such behaviour.

If appropriate non-complying persons will be asked to leave the venue(s).

If required disciplinary action for inappropriate behaviour is outlined in the Member Protection Policy.