



Old Kingstonian Hockey Club welcomes you and your child/young person to the club. We hope you will enjoy being a club member and will enjoy the hockey coaching, training, matches as well as the social interactions.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THE HOCKEY CLUB?

The club is run by volunteers who have a passion and commitment to support both adult and junior members in enjoying hockey as a sport for years to come.

The OKHC Juniors section aims to nurture junior players, ensure they have fun playing hockey, and inspire a lifelong love of the game.

To do this we will:

- Equip juniors with the skills to play
- Nurture and respect talent
- Find a balance between being a friendly, inclusive club and being competitive
- Provide a positive, supportive and safe space to play hockey
- Encourage progression through the age groups
- Promote development into the club's senior squads

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD?

- Respect the game: friendship, enjoyment and always participating with the right spirit.
- To play fairly and respect the rules of the game
- Respect others: coaches, officials, opponents and spectators
- Respect themselves: taking responsibility for their actions on and off the pitch
- To adhere to the young people's code of conduct and behavior

WHAT DO THE HOCKEY CLUB EXPECT OF ME?

- Remember that children play for fun!
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Always respect the match officials decisions & remain off the pitch at all times
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour
- Adhere to the Parents section of the Code of Ethics and Behaviour
- Ensure that your child arrives at agreed times and is wearing suitable kit for training and matches, especially gumshield and shinpads which are compulsory

- U12's require a responsible adult on pitch side for all training and matches
- Over 12's require my child is dropped off and picked up promptly from the venue.
- Contact session organisers/coaches if I am running late to collect my child.
- Provide emergency contact details and any relevant information about your child including medical history.
- All fees must be paid promptly
- Raise any concerns or complaints with your child's 'age group coordinator' / coach.

HOW TO RAISE A CONCERN

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's general participation in hockey, in the first instance, please speak with your child's age group coordinator or coach.

WELFARE OFFICER

For safeguarding issues, please contact the club Welfare Officer who is responsible for dealing with concerns and working with England Hockey's Safeguarding team for those of a more serious nature. All concerns will be taken seriously and treated in the strictest confidence

Your Welfare Officer for serious issues is: Andrea Cole, juniorcoordinator@okhockey.com.