



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 behaviour

### **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 'team manager' / 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: Deborah von Wittgenstein, [juniordoordinator@okhockey.com](mailto:juniordoordinator@okhockey.com).