



Wakatipu Hockey Club Code of Conduct

Scope and Application

This Code of Conduct is applicable to the following persons, referred to as Participants: Any person including, but not limited to, players, umpires, officials, coaches, coaching staff, managers, player spectators, medical staff, technical support, video staff, and any duly appointed team representatives participating in any matches, practices, competitions, events, functions, celebrations or ceremonies run under the jurisdiction of the Wakatipu Hockey Club or Central Otago Hockey Association.

The standards of conduct, set out in this Code of Conduct, apply to Participants on-field and off-field conduct.

Standards of Conduct

1. All Participants shall, at all times, conduct themselves fairly and in a proper manner, including maintaining a high standard of personal conduct, so as not to prejudice the interests of hockey or bring themselves, the game of hockey, or Wakatipu Hockey Club or Central Otago Hockey Association, into disrepute.
2. In addition, the following shall be regarded as conduct which is improper, unfair and unacceptable:
 - a. Verbal or physical abuse, or hostility, towards any other Participant, person or any other member of the public.
 - b. Disputing, protesting or reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner, in an inappropriate way, toward any decision made by an umpire or official.

- c. Charging or advancing towards an umpire or technical official in an aggressive manner while appealing.
 - d. Using rude or abusive language or hand signals.
 - e. Abuse of any hockey equipment, or clothing, or venue equipment.
 - f. Failure to attend media conferences as requested, or failure to meet ceremonial obligations.
 - g. Any verbal or physical abuse, or hostility, towards any anti-doping officials, ball attendants or other support personnel.
 - h. Making any detrimental Public Statements, in respect of any Participant, person or other member public.
 - i. Committing any Suspension Offence.
3. Participants shall not participate in, support, or promote, any form of betting or gaming activities, including online betting or gaming activities or betting with another person, related to the event in which they are a Participant.
4. Participants shall not accept or induce a bribe or corrupt payment or otherwise allegedly agree to manipulate results in any way or give inside information for betting purposes.
5. Participants are required to adhere to the dress standards as specified by the Wakatipu Hockey Club.
6. Breach of any of the standards of conduct is regarded as "Misconduct".

Complaints

If you witness or are subject to any breaking of the Standards of Conduct by a Wakatipu Hockey Club Participant or other Participant, an allegation of misconduct can be made.

Allegations of misconduct should be:

1. Addressed to the Wakatipu Hockey Club
2. Set out in writing, in as much detail as possible:
 - a. the nature of the incident
 - b. The persons involved
 - c. The date(s) and time(s) when the alleged misconduct occurred
3. Referred to as “the Complaint”.

Following the receiving of a complaint the committee will convene to discuss, affected people will be spoken to and a formal outcome will be agreed on by the committee. Results of which will be shared with affected parties. Wakatipu Hockey Club where they deem appropriate may engage the support of Central Otago Hockey Association, of forward the Complaint to the Central Otago Hockey Association.

Central Otago Hockey Competition Expectations

All Wakatipu Hockey Club teams entered in the Central Otago Hockey Association competitions will be subject to both the Wakatipu Hockey Club **AND** the Central Otago Hockey Association Codes of Conduct.

Any allegation of misconduct during Central Otago Hockey Club competition games will be referred to the Central Otago Hockey Association and their Code of Conduct will apply. For further information on the Central Otago Hockey Association Code of Conduct please refer to the Rules and Documents page of their website.