

# LANSDOWN HOCKEY CLUB

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## YOUNG PEOPLE IN ADULT HOCKEY MATCHES

Lansdown Hockey Club (LHC) recognise that the opportunity for young players to participate in Interclub competitions is an important part of their personal development. LHC will ensure the welfare of the young people participating in inter club matches and will ensure good practise in relation to child protection, specifically with regard to the inclusion of young players in club fixtures

### LHC Responsibilities

LHC is responsible for ensuring that it's club members;

- Respects the dignity and spirit of all players: children and young adults
- Treats all players fairly and equitably
- Establishes supportive, positive environments for the purpose of healthy competition
- Does not take part in or tolerate behaviour that frightens, embarrasses, demoralises or negatively affects a young persons self esteem
- Does not tolerate acts of aggression
- Works towards eliminating harassment and abuse from the playing environment
- Is prepared to intervene if a child or young person is being abused or neglected
- Encourages engagement in 'fair play' both during and outside of all playing activities
- Adheres to the policies of LHC, England Hockey and its single system, The NSPCC with regard to Child Protection, Equity and Coaching Conduct

### Good Practice

Any team containing young players should have a designated adult with the following responsibilities (ideally this person should be the captain or vice captain of the relevant team):

- Act as the direct contact for parents / guardians of young players
- Keep medical and emergency contact details for young players
- Ensure safe collection and return for the young players as agreed with the parent / guardian
- Ensuring the interests of the young player is paramount e.g. including a young player purely to make up a team is not appropriate
- Young players should not play in an environment that is unsuitable for their age or ability. e.g. the safety of the young player, the risk of involvement
- Young players should have adequate breaks for the length and intensity of the match
- Adults take care when participating in games with young players
- Young players have appropriate safety equipment and are adequately dressed and protected from the effects of the weather

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