



GVHA Behaviour Guidelines for Junior Representative Competitions

This document provides Guidelines for all players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters who represent the Goulburn Valley Hockey Association at the Junior Country Championship's, within the U18 Mixed Competition and at any other Junior Tournaments the GVHA takes part in, including any held by GVHA.

These Guidelines also apply to any person wearing GVHA Representative Attire, regardless of whether they are attending a hockey event or not.

How you act and behave is a direct reflection upon the sport of Hockey as well as the Goulburn Valley. All players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters of GVHA, are expected to abide by the Codes of Conduct adopted by Hockey Victoria and GVHA, as detailed in the GVHA By Laws.

In addition, we ask that the following guidelines be adhered to:

- All rules and regulations that form part of the competition or are set by the venue will be complied with
- Conduct at all times shall reflect honesty, good sportsmanship, courtesy and respect towards others and be supportive in nature. All coaching decisions will be accepted, and any feedback is to be requested and provided in a considerate manner.
- No bad language, abuse, dissent or unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated towards officials, spectators, umpires, opposing teams or team mates (this includes equipment abuse)
- Refrain from using obscene, offensive or insulting language and/or making obscene gestures which may insult other players, officials or spectators.
- Illegal Substances are not to be used by any person, at any time
- There will be NO consumption of alcohol by any persons under the age of 18 years, at any time
- There will be NO consumption of alcohol by any persons during junior competition times. Any consumption of alcohol outside the competition times will be in accordance with all Alcohol Consumption Laws and venue regulations and will not impact on further Coaching or Management responsibilities.
- There will be NO smoking by any persons under the age of 18 years. Persons over the age of 18 should abide by all smoking laws and refrain from smoking when they are acting in an official capacity, or within the vicinity of junior players.
- Reasonable care should be exercised to prevent damage to others' property or venue facilities and responsible persons will bear the expense of any damage caused.
- It is important that you keep track of your own valuable items as there will be no liability on the part of GVHA for any theft or damage to personal effects.
- Should these guidelines be violated, you may be asked to leave the event or make recompense. Where Codes of Conduct are breached, you may face an investigation in accordance with GVHA By Laws



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Declaration of Understanding

I agree to abide by all rules, guidelines, regulations, policies and codes of conduct established by GVHA and Hockey Victoria.

As a player or parent, I agree to follow the specific instructions of the Team Coach and Manager during competition and training times. I understand that the safety and welfare of the group is of the utmost importance.

I agree to treat everyone with whom I come into contact, and their property, with respect and consideration.

I agree not to behave in any manner which will bring disrespect to GVHA and the sport of Hockey

I understand that in the event of any breach of the Codes of Conduct or the associated Behaviour Guidelines for Junior Representation, the Team Coach, Team Manager and/or the GVHA Junior Representative Committee may, institute disciplinary procedures. I also understand this may have immediate implications; including limiting or eliminating game time, or exclusion from further participation in the competition, as well as implications after the competition is over, in line with GVHA By Laws.

Declaration:

I, (Name:) _____, declare that I have read and understood the GVHA Codes of Conduct and the associated Behaviour Guidelines for Junior Representative Teams and I agree to act within the principles of these documents, whilst *Playing in / Coaching / Managing* the GVHA U_____ Representative Team.

Player/Coach/Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian declaration:

I, (Name:) _____ as parent/guardian of _____ declare that I have read and understood the GVHA Codes of Conduct and the associated Behaviour Guidelines for Junior Representative Teams and I agree to act within the principles of these documents. I also agree to take responsibility for any financial obligations incurred as a result of my son/daughter breaching this conduct. I further declare that I have discussed the Codes of Conduct and Behaviour Guidelines with my son/daughter and am confident he/she understands them, and agrees to abide by them. I understand that any misconduct by myself as a parent, or caused by the parent, may result in disciplinary actions applied to the my son / daughter or I may be asked to leave the event.

Parents Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLAY HOCKEY

IT WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO WIN HONORABLY,

LOOSE GRACEFULLY, RESPECT AUTHORITY,

WORK WITH OTHERS, MANAGE YOUR TIME, HAVE FUN AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE

AND MAYBE EVEN TRAP AND HIT