

## COLCHESTER HOCKEY CLUB FAMILY AGREEMENT

Colchester Hockey Club welcomes you and your child to our club. We hope you and your family will enjoy being part of Colchester Hockey Club and will enjoy the hockey coaching, training and matches as well as the social interactions.



### WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM OUR HOCKEY CLUB?

**Coaching:** Colchester Hockey Club will provide active coaching sessions by qualified coaches, following the recommended skills and progression set out by England Hockey for each age group.

**Safety:** Colchester Hockey Club will ensure that all safeguarding measures are in place and that your child is safe at all times. England Hockey's Safeguarding Young People Policy, Procedure and Guidance, is available to view online at [www.englishockey.co.uk/safe](http://www.englishockey.co.uk/safe), or a copy is available on the Junior notice board.

**Representing the Club:** We will ensure every child who attends regularly has equal opportunity to represent the club. All children will be treated fairly.

**Social:** Colchester Hockey Club welcomes you and your family to the Pegasus club house to meet other hockey families and join in the Hockey Club Social Events. The Club House is open from 10.00am at weekends for drinks and snacks.

### WHAT DOES OUR CLUB EXPECT OF YOUR CHILD?

**Coaching:** We ask children to learn the rules of the game and play fairly. We ask children to respect their coaches and team mates. We ask children to use only positive language.

**Safety:** We ask children to always wear a gum shield and shin pads. We ask children to listen to the coaches instructions and always do their best to follow them.

**Representing the Club:** We ask children to play by the rules and respect the umpires. We ask children to show respect to other teams and their venues. We ask children to only use positive language towards other players - both from Colchester and from all the other clubs.

**Behaviour:** We ask children to look through the young people's Respect Code of Behaviour with their parents so that they understand what England hockey expect of all players ([www.englishockey.co.uk/respect](http://www.englishockey.co.uk/respect))

### WHAT DOES OUR CLUB EXPECT OF PARENTS?

**Coaching:** We ask parents to remain outside of the 'cage' and watch from under the changing room cover or from the clubhouse. Too much encouragement can be distracting during training sessions.

**Safety:** We ask parents to ensure their child is signed in and picked up promptly from training sessions by the named adults on their form. If a child is under the age of 8, a responsible adult is asked to remain on the premises. We ask parents to provide emergency contact details and any relevant information about their child including medical history and ensure that they notify the coaches of any changes.

**Representing the Club:** We ask parents to only make positive contributions during matches. We ask parents to model respect to the umpires and all their decisions, and to model sporting behaviour to other clubs, their coaches and players.

**Behaviour:** We ask parents to adhere to the Parents section of the Respect Code of Ethics and Behaviour. ([www.englishockey.co.uk/respect](http://www.englishockey.co.uk/respect))

**Social:** We ask parents to supervise their children inside the Pegasus Clubhouse and ensure they behave in an acceptable manner. Children can not be supervised by the Pegasus staff. We ask parents to keep children away from the athletics track and athletics facilities. The only shared facility is the Pegasus Club House which opens at 10.00am at the weekends.

### **WELFARE OFFICER: Anna Mortimer - [welfare@colchesterhc.org.co.uk](mailto:welfare@colchesterhc.org.co.uk)**

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in hockey, 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.

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### Playing Hockey at Colchester Hockey Club



#### To keep me safe:

I will always wear a gum shield and shin pads.

I will listen to the coaches instructions and always do my best to follow them.

#### To become a good team player:

I will learn the rules of the game and play fairly.

I will show respect to my coaches and my team mates.

I will only use positive language.

#### When I am representing Colchester:

I will play by the rules.

I will listen to the umpire and accept their decisions.

I will show respect to other teams, their pitches and their clubhouses.

*I agree to look through the young people's code of conduct and behaviour with my parents so that I understand what England hockey expect of all junior players.*

Signed (child):

Signed (parent):