

# **UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER HOCKEY (MEN'S & LADIES') CLUB**

## **CODE OF PRACTICE**

### **SAFETY**

The safety of all members during matches or club training is of paramount importance. Members will be made aware by the Club Captain or Team Captains of any specific safety arrangements for facilities used by the club.

Every effort shall be made to encourage members to play in a safe and sporting manner and to encourage members to use suitable equipment.

Club officers will, by their own actions, set the highest possible standards for safety.

The club's sporting activities will be organised in accordance with the rules of the game, and guidelines laid out by England Hockey.

### **TRAINING**

Training will, when possible, be under the supervision of a coach with recognised qualifications.

If no such coach is available, training will be taken by a senior, experienced member of the club with the agreement of the Club Captain, committee and team captains.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Any equipment provided by the club will be in accordance with England Hockey guidelines and the rules of the game.

### **FAIR PLAY & DISCIPLINE**

A sense of fair play will be encouraged within the club.

Any player who ignores disciplinary rules laid down by governing or organising bodies for hockey may be disciplined by such bodies and the club.

Disciplinary action by the club will be decided by the club officers with the ultimate decision resting with the Club Captain. The action taken will be chosen as being the most appropriate to fit the misdemeanour and may involve a fine, a period of suspension or permanent exclusion from the club.

Players will have the right to appeal to the Club Captain or to the President of the Sports Association.

The club will also take disciplinary action against a player who acts in an unsuitable manner during training or on any other occasion when a player is representing the club and thereby the University.

### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

All match officials, whether qualified or not, will be treated with respect and courtesy by all club members.

Players will abide by the decisions made by match officials during play.

Clarification of any decision should be requested through the team captain.

Any player who abuses a match official, either verbally or physically, will be subject to the disciplinary processes of the club, and the regional authority for the sport.

### **AFFILIATIONS**

The club will be affiliated to England Hockey and other bodies as necessary for competitive fixtures.

### **INSURANCE**

Every player must have a valid Sportscard that includes the Sports Association's sports injury insurance.

Personal insurance cover will also be encouraged.

### **INFORMATION**

Every club member will receive a copy of this code of practice and will be required to sign a declaration to say they will read the code and abide by it.