

# Belper Hockey Club

## Terms & Conditions 2023-24

These terms and conditions are applicable to all members of Belper Hockey Club (BHC), comprising Belper Ladies Hockey Club and Belper Men's Hockey Club, including all Juniors and Mini Hockey.

### Declaration for players over 18

- I consider myself to be physically fit and capable of participating fully. I agree to notify Belper Hockey Club (BHC) of any changes to the medical information provided. In the event that I am injured I give my permission for the BHC members present to obtain emergency medical treatment on my behalf.
- I agree to abide by the BHC Codes of Conduct for behaviour and discipline. These are displayed on the BHC website, and summarised on next page.
- I agree to pay my club fees promptly and understand that any delay may result in my deselection until I have paid. (Members are encouraged to pay by Direct Debit where possible).
- I agree that photos taken of games/events in which I am shown may appear on the BHC website, or be used for promotional purposes by Belper Hockey Club or Belper Meadows Community Sports Club including social media.

### Declaration for parents or guardians of all players under the age of 18

- As the parent or person with legal responsibility for an under 18 player I consent to that child playing hockey with Belper Hockey Club (BHC). I consider that child to be physically fit and capable of participating fully. I agree to notify Belper Hockey of any changes to the medical information provided. In the event that the child is injured I give my permission for the BHC members present to obtain emergency medical treatment on their behalf. I am aware of the nature of the game and whilst I understand every care will be taken, I accept that in the event of an accident I cannot necessarily hold BHC responsible.
- I agree my son / daughter will abide by the BHC Codes of Conduct for behaviour and discipline. These are displayed on the BHC website.
- I agree to that child being transported to and from matches and training in private cars.
- I am aware that it is a requirement when taking part in a practice/training or game for my son/daughter to wear a gum-shield and shin-pads at all times.
- In some environments, particularly adult competition it is impossible to control photography by external parties, however, I am aware that there may be times that photographs and/or footage maybe taken during matches and training sessions by approved persons or officers of BHC. Such images shall only be used for publicity/training purposes in accordance with the Belper Hockey Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy and Photography Policy and I give consent for the player to feature in such photos/ images on the BHC website, or be used for promotional purposes by BHC or Belper Meadows Community Sports Club including social media.
- Belper Hockey Club strives to provide an environment where everyone feels safe and comfortable. We have had good success in integrating the juniors into the adult squads, and to ensure a smooth transition, parents need to be aware that U18 players need to be comfortable and confident about being around adults, both on and off the pitch.

We are fully compliant with the high Safeguarding standards set out by England Hockey.

**Please note:** to revoke the photography consent you must answer 'No' to the question 'Photo Consent? Do you give consent for photographs being taken of you, in line with the EH policy on photography'. This appears in the 'My Profile' section the website. Reasonably practicable steps will be taken to inform relevant parties of Belper Hockey Club.

A link to the EH Guidance on photography can be found on the BHC website Welfare & Safeguarding page.



**Safeguarding of our Mini Hockey players:** Parents/guardians of players must stay on site during coaching sessions/matches.

The full BHC Welfare information and Safeguarding and Protecting Young People Policy is available [HERE](#)

## Belper Hockey Club Code of Conduct

### Who does this apply to?

All Sections of Belper Hockey Club (BHC) adhere to the England Hockey (EH) Codes of Conduct, which apply to all players involved in hockey in England. The content of this Code of Conduct is an extension of EH's generic code of behaviour and also includes specific standards that we expect of all players at Belper.

### Expected minimum standard of behaviour and conduct

All such individuals involved in hockey will, at all times:

- Respect the spirit of fair play in hockey. This is more than playing within the rules. It also incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always participating with the right spirit.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players and spectators.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.
- Never participate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Promote the reputation of BHC and Belper Meadows Community Sports Club and sport taking all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with dignity.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young participants and spectators.
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures. Never use foul, sexist, abusive, racist or any prejudicial language or tolerate it from players and/or team officials.
- Abide by the EH Safeguarding and Good Practice guidance available here:

<https://www.englishockey.co.uk/governance/duty-of-care-in-hockey/safeguarding>

### Social Media.

It is the responsibility of all members to:-

- Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players, or referees and any controversial or potentially inflammatory subjects.
- Avoid hostile or harassing communications in any posts or other online communications. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person's race, sex, gender identity, national origin, colour, disability, age sexual orientation, veteran status, marital status, religion, or any other status protected by law.

Negative posts to be notified to BHC management who have the responsibility of responding on behalf of BHC.

### In addition, we expect all Belper Hockey Club players to:

- Take responsibility to ensure they are up to date with the rules, understand and adhere to them.
- Pay subscriptions and match fees on time. Failure to pay fees promptly may result in deselection until paid.
- Dress appropriately to represent Belper Hockey Club, including wearing the appropriate protective equipment.
- Make sure that the needs of umpires and opponents are appropriately addressed before during and after the game.
- Leave the pitches and dugouts clean and tidy when you finish your matches, and to clear all equipment from the pitches after training sessions.
- Respect all volunteers, and the members and guests of the other sections within Belper Meadows Community Sports Club.

