

THE ENGLISH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR PITCHSIDE CONDUCT



Captains, Umpires and Match Delegate (if appointed) should: -

- Agree the location of managers, coaches, substitutes and suspended players during their suspension and from where substitutions will take place.
- Satisfy themselves as to the quality and safety of the pitch and its facilities and ensure that other pitch side furniture is removed to the safest location.
- Check the availability and location of an emergency telephone and first aid.
- Agree with home team officials the location and allowed proximity of spectators.
- Substitutes should warm up in clothing in a colour other than the participating teams in the agreed area of the pitch side.
- Coaches and managers must remain in their designated area.
- Vocal communications by team officials and players on the bench must not, in any way, be directed at the umpires or players of the opposing team.
- Players not taking part in the game, or those in subsequent or previous matches, must not knock up or cool down on or near the pitch whilst the match is in progress,
- Post match inquests should be held away from the pitch.
- Spectators should be advised, if necessary, of matters relating to their conduct and particularly in so far as this affects the game in hand.
- Small children should not be allowed to wander freely around the perimeter of the pitch whilst games are in progress. Children should remain under the control of the parent/guardian at all times.
- Babies in push chairs should not be left parked on the side of the pitch.
- Captains, coaches and managers should be responsible for their own conduct and the conduct of their players at all times.

IMPORTANT NOTE – Read this if nothing else

Spectators should remain on the tarmac area surrounding the pitch on the opposite side to the dug-outs. If this is not adhered to then the next stage is to enforce that only players/managers/coaches are allowed within the fenced area.

Anyone found bringing the club into disrepute WILL be subject to the North Notts Hockey Club's discipline procedures.