

Central Otago Hockey Umpires Code of Conduct

Central Otago Hockey Umpires should do nothing, through their actions or words, which is likely to bring Central Otago Hockey Umpires or the Central Otago Hockey Association into disrepute.

Hockey Umpires shall:

- Keep themselves up-to-date with the Rules, their interpretations and guidance
- Umpire to the best of their ability, fairly and with a sense of justice
- Remain neutral and impartial while umpiring
- Support their colleagues during and after the game
- Respect, protect and encourage playing skills
- Eliminate unsafe and dangerous play
- Work to build rapport with players and coaches

Hockey Umpires shall not:

- Criticise a colleague in front of players, team officials or spectators
- Swear at or demean a colleague, player, team official or spectator
- Harass, assault or act inappropriately towards a colleague, player, team official or spectator
- Act in an unprofessionally manor around the turf and its facilities
- Demean a colleague, player, team official, team, club or spectators on a public website
- Umpire under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol

Hockey Umpires will show a proficient approach by:

- Arriving in good time for a match
- Wearing the appropriate clothing to the match
- Bringing the appropriate equipment to the match
- Discussing with their colleague(s) the conduct of the match
- Warming up
- Introducing themselves to team captains
- Meeting their colleague(s) for half-time discussion
- Leaving the field together
- Avoiding any post-match confrontation with players, managers, coaches or spectators
- Being prepared to discuss aspects of the match with the teams and team officials in a nonconfrontational manner
- Being willing to take development opportunities offered to them

When playing, managing or coaching, Hockey Umpires shall:

- Abide by the spirit and letter of the Rules
- Support the principles of fair play and abide by the umpires' decisions

All concerns should be promptly reported to the Central Otago Hockey Executive or your Mentor/Senior Umpire