



MSA Players Code of Conduct

Manchester Storm Academy is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The welfare of the child is always our paramount concern.

The club believes that it is important that players, coaches, managers and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with their team manager.

MSA looks to offer a positive experience for children and young people and a safe place where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

Code of Conduct

As a member of Manchester Storm Academy, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

Children / young people are expected to:

- 🏒 Be loyal and give their team members a second chance
- 🏒 Be friendly and welcoming to new members and be supportive of all team members
- 🏒 Keep yourself and others safe
- 🏒 Report inappropriate behaviour to your coach or Team Manager
- 🏒 Respect coaches and officials and accept decisions. The coaches decision is final.
- 🏒 Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in victory and defeat
- 🏒 Not cheat or be violent and aggressive
- 🏒 Make your club a fun place to be
- 🏒 Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area
- 🏒 Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach and always play within the rules and spirit of the game.
- 🏒 Show respect to other team members and show team spirit
- 🏒 Take care of equipment owned by yourselves, others and the club.
- 🏒 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
- 🏒 Refrain from the use of bad language. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms, social media or texting
- 🏒 Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do
- 🏒 Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- 🏒 Keep to agreed timings for training, games and competitions and always inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late
- 🏒 Wear suitable kit for training and games, as agreed with the coach/team manager.

We recognise that Ice Hockey is a fast, physically competitive, and sometimes aggressive sport but there is a big difference between playing and training competitively, and the intimidation and abuse of others.

Manchester Storm Academy has a policy of ZERO TOLERANCE towards verbal and physical abuse. Any individual found to be involved in the verbal or physical abuse of another club member may be suspended from training, games and if found necessary, the Club.



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Social Media

For those players that are using social media it is important that they use this in the right way, not just in relation to MSA activity, but also to ensure they protect themselves and to not cause offense to others.

With regard to specific posts around MSA, other related ice hockey activity and used of certain social media Apps players must adhere to the social media policy as part of the players code of conduct. A copy of this policy is available as a separate document.

Players rights

As well as ensuring players abide by the code of conduct it is equally important that we recognise and understand that children / young people have a right to:

- 🏒 Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- 🏒 Be listened to.
- 🏒 Be respected and treated fairly.
- 🏒 Privacy.
- 🏒 Enjoy Ice Hockey in a protective environment.
- 🏒 Be protected from abuse by other members or outside sources.
- 🏒 Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- 🏒 Experience competition and the desire to win.
- 🏒 Be believed.
- 🏒 Ask for help.

Dealing with any issues

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour on ice will be addressed by the immediate coach, parents will be informed.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour off ice will be addressed by the team manager, parents will be informed.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour on & off ice which a witness deems that either the coach or team manager has not witnessed should be reported immediately to the off ice team manager.

Continuous issues with poor behaviour will be reported to the safeguarding lead for the club. Anything of a safeguarding nature will also be reported to the safeguarding lead for MSA.

Persistent misbehaviour will result in sanctions agreed by the coach and team manager and may include exclusion from training sessions and/or games, and in serious cases dismissal from the club. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals can be appealed by the player with final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.