



# Newark HC

## Pitch Side Conduct

- In accordance with the league rules, spectators and parents will remain on the opposite side of the pitch to the teams and substitutes. The “benches” will be positioned on the Bowbridge Road side of the pitch away from the entrance gates.

The “benches” are for manager, coach, and players listed on the team sheet for the match currently being played only.

Home umpires, coaches, and captains should reinforce this for every match, for Newark teams and the opposition. Any visiting umpires should be made aware also.

This course of action will aid umpires to ensure that they are aware of substitutions and avoid occurrences where the next playing teams and home supporters mix in with the current playing teams making it hard for the coaches and umpires.

- On the field of play, the team captain is responsible for the conduct of the players.
- On the team bench, the team manager/coach, or captain in the absence of these, is responsible for the conduct of the substitute players, team officials, and coaches.
- 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.
- Coaches, managers, and substitute players must remain in the designated area (within the width of the bench) throughout the game.
- No warming-up is permitted alongside or behind the pitches while games are in progress.
- Any post match team talks are to be held away from the pitch.
- Spectators must remain outside of the pitch area.
- Spectators and parents are reminded that Newark Hockey Club, and England Hockey, will not tolerate the use of foul or abusive language directed at or towards the umpires, officials or players.
- Young children must not be permitted to wander freely around the perimeter of the pitch while games are in progress and babies in push-chairs must not be left parked on the side of the pitch.
- The Coach and/or Team Captain shall have the power to take any reasonable action in order to protect the players, the umpires and officials, and the game of hockey. **This includes the ejection of any individual from the pitch.**

**Approved & Adopted:**

**Signed:**

**Position:**

**Date:**