



## WMH Code of Conduct

1. Participants <sup>(Note 1)</sup> shall at all times conduct themselves fairly and properly on the field of play, in any part of the hockey venue / accommodation and when travelling to and from events. Participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner that shall not prejudice the interest of hockey or which shall bring the game into disrepute.
2. The following shall be regarded as conduct which is improper, unfair, and unacceptable:
  - (a) Verbal / physical abuse or hostility towards any other participant, person or any other member of the public.
  - (b) Disputing, protesting and / or reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner in an inappropriate way toward any decision made by an umpire or official.
  - (c) Feigning injury and / or overreacting to an alleged breach or decision.
  - (d) Charging or advancing towards an umpire or technical official in an aggressive manner when appealing.
  - (e) Using rude or abusive language or hand signals.
  - (f) Abuse of hockey equipment or clothing, venue equipment or fixtures and fittings.
  - (g) Failure to comply with any directives for medal presentation ceremonies.
  - (h) Any act that appears to, or is intended to, influence any participant or which may affect any decision, the outcome of any match, or the tournament result. (e.g. inducements in the form of money or gifts).
3. **Public Statements**
  - (a) WMH (and FIH) define a “public statement” as any statement in which the whole, part, or essence is made public in a newspaper, magazine, periodical or by any electronic means (such as the Internet, Email, or Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram etc.) or through the medium of television, radio or any other manner, regardless of the circumstances in which the statement was made.
  - (b) Public statements must be fair, constructive and reasonable and must not involve a personal attack on another player, umpire, appointed official or administrator.
  - (c) It is recognised that fair and reasonable comments on the game in general are essentially in the interests of everyone, however, it further recognises that in the interest of maintaining the generally excellent relations that currently exist between players, umpires and officials, it is necessary to ensure that any such comment and criticism is constructive in nature.
4. Participants are responsible for the use of any medication(s) during the event. Participants support drug free sport worldwide and comply with the terms of the WADA Code and the FIH Anti-Doping Rules.
5. WMH and FIH shall be permitted to use any images taken of Participants during events. The images will be used in general to support and promote the sport of Hockey and Masters Hockey worldwide.
6. Participants shall not participate in, support or promote any form of betting or gaming activities, including online betting or gaming activities or betting with another person, related to the event in which they are participating.
7. Participants have read, understood and agree, to follow the required actions described in the WMH Covid-19 Participation Policy for 2022 World Cup Tournaments.

### Note 1

**Participant** means and includes all team members and officials including players, managers, coaching and support staff and all Tournament Officials including the Technical Delegate, Technical Officers, Judges, Umpires Managers, Umpires, Medical Officers, Host Nation Organising Committee and any other appointed official.



