

Mayo Bulls Ice and Inline Hockey Club



Safety Policy

Mayo Bulls IIHC promotes the sports of ice and inline hockey and provides access to training and games in both a recreational and competitive environment. The sport of hockey involves physical contact and most types of training for the sport involve physical movement. Although we cannot eliminate the risk of injury within the sport, we do aim to reduce it wherever possible and create the safest possible environment to avoid the risk of harm and injury. The following practices apply in order to promote safety:

- activities being undertaken should be suitable for the ability, age, and experience of the participants
- equipment and facilities should meet the highest possible standards and be appropriate to the maturity of the participants
- where protective equipment is deemed necessary it should be used
 - For competing juniors during inline skating sessions, it is expected that full competition safety equipment is worn.
 - For learn to skate members, a helmet is mandatory with knee and elbow protection being advisory, the club if in possession will encourage the use of this equipment and loan to juniors when possible. (This is due to members only skating and not in possession of a hockey stick).
- a first aid should be made available for all-training sessions and events.
 - It will be the coach's responsibility to ensure that the location of the nearest first aid kit is known if not in possession of one.
 - There is a first aid kit in the coaching kit bag, please contact secretary when used so that used items may be replenished.
 - First aid training will be made available to coaches and aim to keep up to date with a minimum standard of at least one course completed being in attendance. (An out of date first aider is better than no training at all).
 - Ideally the club will aim to have as many leaders and committee members with first aid training.
 - Coaches are highest priority
 - Then volunteers and leaders that are regularly present at sessions and games
 - Then other members of the club.
- injuries should be recorded in the accident book, (this shall be found with first aid kit in coaches kit bag), and the action taken in relation to each one with due regard for confidentiality. If you have concerns in relation to the welfare of the child, please contact the children's officer or designated liaison person.
- parents/guardians should be notified, by the Sports Leader, of injuries/illness which children incur while participating in a sporting activity
- coaches and leaders should ensure that the conduct of the games conform to the standards set by the Governing Body of Sport
- children should be taught the rules of the game at club level and be encouraged to abide by them, keeping in mind that many rules are there for safety
- it is important that before children participate in a sporting activity, they have learned and agreed personal safety rules. If Sports Leaders take children into potentially dangerous situations they should hold the appropriate qualification required by the Governing Body concerned (Use of sticks, checking drills, aggressive play, high speed drills or competitive contact)
- parents/guardians should know, and abide by, the starting and finishing times of sessions and events

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INSURANCE

Mayo Bulls IIHC has Public Liability through our NGB, also players are required to register with our NGB and carry personal player insurance. Depending on which one of our two NGB's this is different.

Inline Hockey Ireland

To train in local hall, with club in respect of inline hockey, players are covered through club and IHI for first four training sessions, after that they must register for 'Learn To Play' cover (usually €5) or as a 'Player' if competing in competition with the club in the inline hockey league (usually €15 for a jr). Both cover insurance to train with any club in the country registered with IHI.

www.inlinehockeyireland.org

Irish Ice Hockey Association

To train on ice, with club in respect of ice hockey, players must register immediately as a 'Junior Player'. This covers them to train and play in any IIHA sanctioned games as well as train on wheels throughout season/year.

www.iiha.org

Both run from August – July in regards of membership period. Both can be done online via there respected website. Both insurances cover training, competition and travel to and from games.

REGISTRATION, DROPOUT AND CLUB TRANSFERS

Loss of club members, including adult transfers, will be monitored and followed up with contact from either the Children's Officer or Secretary. Those coming from other clubs and those leaving the club or transferring will be invited to talk about their experience with the club and reasons that led to their actions. This is to safeguard and to also help the club develop and prevent further drop outs if the reasons are found to be of a negative experience. If any concerns regarding a child or children's welfare are raised the matter should be handled in accordance with procedures outlined in section 5.12 of the 'Code of ethics and good practice for children's sport'

DISCIPLINE IN CHILDREN'S SPORT

Discipline in sport should always be positive in focus, providing the structure and rules that allow participants to learn to set their own goals and strive for them. It should encourage young people to become more responsible for themselves and therefore more independent. Children should be helped to become responsible about the decisions and choices they make within sport, particularly when they are likely to make a difference between playing fairly and unfairly. There should be no place for fighting, over-aggressive or dangerous behaviour in sport.

THE USE OF SANCTIONS

Please see our clubs Code of Discipline.