

Assumption: This code is based on the premise that participation in programs of USA Field Hockey conducted at any site is a privilege. Participants are guests of the site and are obligated to abide by the rules. The National Governing Body (USA Field Hockey) is responsible to these sites to ensure that proper conduct of participants in USA Field Hockey Programs. The Program leaders shall have the authority to take disciplinary action in case of violations of this code.

Conditions of Participations: All participants in this program, conducted by USA Field Hockey at the host site, must agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. By signing this document, you will be acknowledged that you have read it, understand it, and are willing to abide but the Code of Conduct.

Rules:

1. Those participants perpetuating the damage will pay for any physical damage to the facility.
2. There will be no possession or use of alcoholic beverages at the host site by anyone under the legal drinking age; or anyone if prohibited by the host site.
3. There will be no possession or use of any prescription drug or USOC banned substance unless participant is currently under physician's care and the medication is required for treatment of an illness or injury (documentation is required).
4. Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated, including but not limited to:
 - a. Any act considered to be an offense under federal, state, local and USOC laws and rules.
 - b. Vandalism, damaging of property, unauthorized use of equipment or property, or theft.
 - c. Unsportsmanlike conduct
 - d. Inappropriate horseplay or other misbehavior which physically endangers any person or property

Note: Persons present while any violation of the Code of Conduct occurs must leave the area immediately or be considered a participant by choice. Any person observing or having knowledge of an activity, which may result in serious bodily harm to a program participant, must immediately report to a member of the staff.

Consequences: Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in:

1. Participant(s) responsible for property loss being liable to pay all replacement/repair costs.
2. Partial or full restriction of movement at the host site.
3. Expulsion from the program with participant being sent home at his/her own expense.
4. A written report submitted to USA Field Hockey Ethics Committee for further action.
5. Loss of opportunity to participate in future program conducted under the auspices of USA Field Hockey.

Process:

1. All Code violations shall be reported as soon as possible to the program's director.
2. Upon notification of a code violation, the director and appropriate staff members may hold a hearing with the participants involved.
3. The program director shall have authority to enforce any of the above listed consequences, notifying the participant within at least 24 hours of the hearing.
4. A recommendation by the program director that the participant be restricted from future programs must be submitted in writing to the USA Field Hockey Ethics Committee, which shall make the final decision.
5. The participate has the right to appeal a decision by the Ethics Committee in accordance with the Bylaws of USA Field Hockey.