

2021 Somerset Middle School Field Hockey

Player (and Parent) Expectations

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Team Rules and Expectations

- 1. Punctuality:** Practices will end on time at 4:30. Your time, as well as mine, is valuable. *Please* be punctual in arranging rides home from practices and games.
- 2. Travel Policy:** Players should plan on traveling to and from away games with the team on the bus. Per school policy: A letter from a parent must be received prior to the day of the game if your student will not return on the bus. Only a parent/guardian can transport their athlete.
- 3. Practices:** Practices are mandatory and will take place after school. Students are dismissed from school at 2:45 and players must report to the field **by 3:00**. Please report to practice with all equipment, water, and having already been to the bathroom, made phone calls, etc. Practices will start at 3:00. *At all times, each athlete must be responsible for their valuables.*
- 4. Sportsmanship:** Treat your teammates, coaches, referees, and the facilities with pride and respect. This includes not wearing cleats in buildings and picking up equipment/water/Gatorade bottles/moving cages, etc. after practices and games (home and away).
- 5. Uniform:** Players are responsible for maintaining uniforms, and equipment for the season. Players are responsible for ensuring they have all needed equipment for practices and games.
- 6. Behavior:** As a student athlete, you *will* be held to a higher standard for your behavior. You are a role model, and must behave as such. Your participation in Physical Education is *required*. Your uniform does not constitute appropriate Physical Education attire. Detentions are unacceptable.
- 7. Playing time:** Playing time will be determined by the coach. Skill, effort (*especially* in practice), discipline, and contribution to the team (i.e. best player for the situation) .

8. Other: Players are expected to be attentive during all games and practices; learning, analyzing game play and cheering their team on. **You should not require prompting to pay attention during games and practices.**

Please Note: Field Hockey differs from other competitive sports at Somerset Middle School. In an effort to promote the game, which is new to many, a large number of players are on the team. On some game days two games will be offered (an “A” Game and a “B” Game). On these days, all athletes should expect to play. On days when only an “A” game is scheduled, not all team members will be able to participate, but all are expected to attend the game.