

Parents Code of Conduct

Parents and Guardians should always:

- Be a good role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, coaches, officials, and volunteers.
- Support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms. Please refer to the Bullying Policy.
- Encourage their child to learn the Athletics Ireland and Club rules & abide by them.
- Discourage unfair play & arguing with officials.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play & applauding good performances of all.
- Always use correct and proper language.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Ensure that your child is registered with the club and that their membership renewal is up to date. Membership runs from January to December.

- Ensure that the club has up to date contact details for parents/guardians.
- Ensure that the club is informed of any medical or physical issues your child may have including any other difficulty or disorder which will impact coach/athlete communication or understanding. This must be communicated annually to the club and your child's coach. Coaches change so you must ensure each coach is informed.
- Comply with all Government and Club health and safety guidelines and measures put in place to protect our athletes and volunteers from accidents, danger, or ill health. For example, Covid 19 Pandemic Public Health Guidelines.
- Ensure you are familiar with the start and finish time of your child's training sessions or competition and **ensure that they are dropped off and collected on time.**
- Ensure that all athlete belongings have name tags, and all belongings are taken home at the end of each training session.
- Ensure that young athletes are properly attired in club singlets for competitions.

If possible:

- Volunteer with the club for coaching, officiating, or running events.
- Volunteer (minimum once per annum) at competition events when your child competes for the Club.

Parents and Guardians should not:

- Force your child to take part in sport if they are injured or unwell.
- Punish or belittle a child for losing or poor performance.
- Argue with coaches, volunteers or other officials.
- Behave in a manner that brings the club into disrepute.
- Attempt to meet your own needs and aspirations for success and achievement through your child's participation in games.