



## Code of Conduct: Parents, Carers and Guardians

As a responsible parent/carer of an athlete aged under 18, I will:

- abide by the UKA and the HCAF and Westbury Harriers' Child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding Procedures
- abide by the UKA and the HCAF and Westbury Harriers' Adult Safeguarding Policy and Adult Safeguarding Procedures
- demonstrate respectful behaviour at all times
- set a good example and encourage my child to learn the rules of the sport, follow the instruction of the coach or leader and compete within the rules at all times
- Encourage my child to show respect to those who give up their time voluntarily to provide coaching opportunities for them, including letting them know when they are unable to attend, being well behaved, doing as they are told and adhering to the Coach's instruction, which may have safety implications;
- help my child to recognise good performance and not just results
- make athletics fun and enjoyable
- never force my child to take part in sport if they do not want to
- never punish or belittle my child for losing or making mistakes
- use correct and appropriate language at all times
- Encourage my child to be aware of the Green Cross Code (<http://www.dft.gov.uk/think/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-11s/the-green-cross-code/>) and the rules of the track (where applicable);
- check the qualifications and licences of people who are coaching or managing my child, or
- offering a service connected to athletics such as physiotherapy, massage or nutritional advice



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- know exactly where my child will be and who they will be with at all times
- assume responsibility for safe transportation of my child to and from training and competition
- not allow my child to travel to or from training without an appropriate adult
- not allow my child to travel alone at any time, particularly in the dark
- ensure that my child attends training sessions and competition in good time, and with appropriate clothing and equipment
- ensure that, upon arrival at a training session or competition, my child is identified to the coach, leader or responsible person and properly registered
- return any necessary written consent forms to the club/team manager or appropriate person, including next of kin details, health and medical requirements before my child goes to any away events or trips
- provide any necessary medical information and medication that my child needs for training or trips away
- report any concerns about my child's (or any other child's) welfare to the Club Welfare Officer or National Welfare Officer. (This does not affect your right to contact your local Social Services or the Police if you feel it is necessary)
- in no way undermine, put down or belittle athletes, coaches or practitioners.

## **GOOD SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR**

I understand that inappropriate pressure on children and poor behaviour of adult spectators can sometimes make children drop out of sport. I accept that this code promotes good spectator behaviour, and understand that if I verbally abuse children, coaches or officials, action will be taken.

## **BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

I understand that if I do not follow the code, action can be taken by my club and I may:

- be asked to apologise for my behaviour

- receive a verbal or written warning from the club committee/HCAF
- be suspended from attending club training sessions and events
- be suspended from the club • be required to leave the club.



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**Signature** .....

**Date** .....