



Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians of Athletes

Walton Athletic Club (WAC) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members, ensuring a positive and enjoyable experience for all. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, volunteers and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members and their parents/guardians are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club in accordance with the [concerns](#) and [complaints](#) processes.

As a responsible parent/guardian of an athlete of WAC you are expected to:

1. Encourage your child to learn the rules and teach them that they can only do their best. Do not force your child to participate in any session/competition.
2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every athlete, coach, official and other volunteer involved in athletics and treat everyone equally.
3. Behave responsibly as a spectator at training/events and treat coaches/officials/team managers/committee members and spectators of your own and other clubs with due respect, meeting the UKA commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.
4. Ensure that you do not use language that could be interpreted as offensive to others within the club/competition environment.
5. Encourage fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited or age-inappropriate substances.
6. Refrain from arguing with officials.
7. Help your child to recognize good performance, not just results.
8. Inform your child's coach of any allergy, illness or disability that needs to be taken into consideration for athletic performance and ensure that any changes in the condition of your child's health are reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.
9. Ensure the club has the current emergency contact details for a responsible adult for your child.
10. Try and make sure your child arrives at coaching sessions and matches on time.
11. Be responsible for getting your child to and from training and competitions and never to make assumptions about your child's safety.
12. Ensure that your child does not take unnecessary valuable items to training or competitions
13. Encourage your child to accept responsibility for their own performance and behavior whilst training and competing.
14. Raise any concerns you have in an appropriate manner (See the concerns process).
15. Most of all help your child enjoy the sport to the best of their ability, ultimately, be safe and have fun!

Sanctions:

This code of conduct will be enforced by the Committee. Sanctions may include a verbal/written warning, temporary suspension of the athlete from club activities or in extreme cases permanent exclusion from the club.

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