



Code of Conduct for Child Members under the age of 18 years old

Walton Athletic Club (WAC) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its Members, ensuring a positive and enjoyable experience for all. WAC 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 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 child member you have a right to:

- be safe and protected
- be listened to
- be respected and treated fairly
- be believed
- ask for help
- be coached by someone who has the right qualifications.

As a responsible Child Member of WAC, you are expected to:

- be friendly and supportive to other athletes
- keep yourself safe
- tell your coach if you are ill or injured
- report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations to an adult
- compete fairly and respect other athletes and officials
- respect the rules of the club
- behave and listen to all instructions from your coach, officials, team managers and volunteers generally
- take care of equipment owned or provided by the club or training facility
- not use bad language or take part in inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- not bully anyone or pressure them to do things they do not want to, including online
- in no way undermine, put down or belittle other athletes, coaches or practitioners
- keep to agreed timings for all club activities
- tell your parents/carers where you are or if you are going to be late
- not use your mobile phone during training, competitions or in changing rooms
- not carry or consume alcohol or illegal substances while training or competing in athletics
- use safe transport or travel arrangements.
- inform your coach of any other coaching that you are seeking or receiving

BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct will be enforced by the Committee. If you fail to comply with the code you may:

- be asked to apologise for your behaviour
- receive a verbal or written warning
- be suspended from attending club training sessions
- be suspended from the club
- be required to leave the club
- be excluded you from participating in certain events by Team Managers/Officials.

If you are suspected of taking (or found to have taken) illegal or performance enhancing substances, you will automatically be suspended from the club and reported to England Athletics.

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(this policy mirrors the UKA HCAF codes of conduct)