

## **Code of Conduct for Junior Members (aged 14 and below)**

### **As a responsible athlete you will:**

- Respect the rights of every athlete, coach, technical official and others involved in athletics and treat everyone equally.
- Uphold the same values of sportsmanship off the field as you do when engaged in athletics
- Cooperate fully with others involved in the sport such as coaches, technical officials, team managers and club volunteers in the best interests of the yourself and other athletes
- Promote fair play and follow the rules
- Be responsible for your own needs including being organised, having the appropriate equipment and being on time
- Always thank the coaches and officials who enable you to participate in athletics

### **As a responsible Athlete, when participating in or attending any athletics activities, including training/coaching sessions and competition events you will:**

- Display courtesy and good manners towards others
- Avoid swearing and abusive language and irresponsible behaviour including behaviour that is dangerous to yourself or others, acts of violence and bullying
- Challenge inappropriate behaviour and language by others
- Avoid destructive and disruptive behaviour and leave athletics venues as you find them
- Avoid carrying any items that could be dangerous to yourself or others excluding athletics equipment used in the course of your athletics activity

### **In addition, athletes, especially young athletes and vulnerable adults, should follow these guidelines on safe participation in athletics**

- Notify a responsible adult if you have to go somewhere (why, where and when you will return)
- Do not respond if someone seeks private information unrelated to athletics such as personal information, home life information
- Never accept lifts in cars or invitations into homes on your own without the prior knowledge and consent of your parent/carer
- Use safe transport or travel arrangements
- Report any accidental injury, distress, misunderstanding or misinterpretation to your parents/carers and club Welfare officer as soon as possible.
- Report any suspected misconduct by coaches or other people involved in athletics to the club welfare officer as soon as possible