



CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS/CARERS

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

- abide by the UKA and EA Child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding Procedures
- abide by the UKA and EA 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 and compete within them at all times
- help my child to recognise good performance and not just results
- make athletics fun
- 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
- pay TAC membership fees in a timely manner
- 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
- know exactly where my child will be and who they will be with at all times
- provide my child with a hi-vis vest which must be worn when training outside the designated track and field areas at Tonbridge School
- ensure that my child does not take any unnecessary valuable items to training or competition
- assume responsibility for safe transportation of my child to and from training and competition
- complete the Training Group Emergency information form annually and keep up to date
- ensure that accurate details of my child are included on the TAC membership system and UKA site
- return any necessary written consent forms to the TAC 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 by 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.

I will:

- act with dignity and display courtesy and good manners towards others
- avoid swearing, abusive language and irresponsible or illegal behaviour, including behaviour that is dangerous to me or others, acts of violence, bullying, harassment and physical and sexual abuse
- challenge inappropriate behaviour and language by others and report any suspected misconduct by other coaches or other people involved in athletics to the TAC, EA/UKA Safeguarding Team
- avoid destructive behaviour and leave athletics venues as I find them
- not carry or consume alcohol to excess
- not carry and/or consume illegal substances
- not carry any items that could be dangerous to myself or others excluding athletics equipment used in the course of my child's athletics activity

BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

- be asked to apologise for my behaviour
- receive a verbal or written warning from the TAC committee/EA
- be suspended from attending club training sessions and events
- be suspended from TAC
- be required to leave TAC

Print name.....

Signature..... Date.....

