



Bourton Roadrunners

Code of conduct: parents/carers

The purpose of a code is to clarify:

- what behaviours are acceptable and unacceptable
- the standards of practice expected
- the basis for challenging and improving practice

All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the club's Safeguarding Policy. The Club Welfare Officer (brr.clubwelfare@gmail.com) is the lead contact for all members in the event of any safeguarding or child protection concerns.

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

- abide by the UKA and the HCAF Child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding Procedures
- abide by the UKA and the HCAF Adult Safeguarding Policy and Adult Safeguarding Procedures
- demonstrate respectful behaviour at all times
- set a good example and encourage their child to learn the rules of the sport and compete within them at all times
- help their child to recognise good performance and not just results
- make athletics fun
- never force their child to take part in sport if they do not want to
- never punish or belittle their child for losing or making mistakes
- use correct and appropriate language at all times
- check the qualifications and licences of people who are coaching or managing their child, or offering a service connected to athletics such as physiotherapy, massage or nutritional advice
- know exactly where their child will be and who they will be with at all times
- assume responsibility for safe transportation of their child to and from training and competition
- return any necessary written consent forms to the club/team manager or appropriate person, including next of kin details, health and medical requirements before their child goes to any away events or trips

- provide any necessary medical information and medication that their child needs for training or trips away
- report any concerns about their child' s (or any other child' s) welfare to the Club Welfare Officer or National Welfare Officer. (This does not affect the parent/carer' s right to contact the local Social Services or the Police if they feel it is necessary)
- in no way undermine, put down or belittle athletes, coaches or practitioners.

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