



Bourton Roadrunners

Code of conduct: children and young people (under 18 years)

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 child or young person under 18 years, they have the 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 young athlete, they will respect the code of conduct and will:

- be friendly and supportive to other athletes
- keep themselves safe
- tell their coach if they 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 coaches and officials
- 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 their parents/carers where they are or if they are going to be late
- not use their 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

Children and young people have their own codes of conduct and should be clear about their club's expectations in terms of acceptable behaviour and conduct. It can be beneficial to ask children in their group/team to discuss and agree what the consequences of breaking these codes should be for them. This may be done at the start of the year, before a trip away from home, or as part of a training event. Club members understand that if they do not follow the code, action can be taken by the club. Additionally, the club will always inform parents/carers if a young person breaches the code of conduct.