

Williamstown Little Athletics Centre – Code of Conduct 2021/22 season

PURPOSE

To ensure that all athletes, spectators, officials and volunteers have a very clear understanding of the behaviour that is expected from everyone and to make it clearly understood that breaches of these codes will result in disciplinary action.

COACHES are required to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Support, encourage and involve all athletes regardless of their talent level
- Never ridicule or yell at athletes for errors or poor performance
- Always consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before performance and results
- Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour both on and off the track / field
- Maintain respectful and appropriate relationships with all participants
- Ensure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of participants
- Promote the positive aspects of little athletics (eg fair play)
- Always respect the official's decision and support them to carry out their role
- Display consistently high standards of good sporting behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by Little Athletics Australia, Little Athletics Victoria and the Centre
- Hold appropriate valid qualifications before commencing to coach
- Never condone rule violations, unfair or unduly rough play or the use of prohibited substances
- Never smoke or drink alcohol whilst in an official capacity
- Never use offensive language or behaviour
- To act as a role model at all times.

ATHLETES are required to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender,

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ability, cultural background or religion

- Play by the rules and respect the Official's decisions
- Display good sporting behaviour at all times
- Never use offensive language or behaviour towards anyone or engage in sledging or bullying of any person
- Co-operate with your coach and Officials
- Adhere to centre policies including smoke-free areas and liquor license requirements
- Never behave in a manner that would damage the reputation of the centre either on or off the track / field

VOLUNTEERS and SPECTATORS are required to:

- Act as good role models and ambassadors for the centre at all times
- Always welcome opposition athletes, spectators, officials etc to the centre
- Never use offensive language or behaviour
- Treat everyone including the other centres athletes with respect regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Display consistently high standards of good sporting behaviour including respecting the official's decisions
- Adhere to the smoke-free policies of the centre
- Not to consume alcohol in any place other than where the centre's license allows
- Adhere to and support the Centre policies
- Be trustworthy

As part of the Registration process you will be asked to agree and sign off on the Codes of Conduct.

I have read and agree to abide by the Codes of Conduct and understand that if I breach any of the Codes, disciplinary action will result.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____ **Signature:** _____

Parent signature to accompany where the participant is under 18

Parents Name: _____ **Date:** _____ **Signature:** _____