



## Southampton athletics code of conduct for parents and carers

**Please note:** Where we refer to 'parents' we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term 'children' or 'child' describes any person under the age of 18.

As a parent of a child taking part in Southampton athletics club, we'd like you to:

- Make sure your child has the right kit for the session as well as water
- Try to make sure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly; or let us know if you're running late or if your child is going home with someone else
- As a parent, we need you to be on site at all times. If you cannot stay for the whole session, please arrange for another parent to stay and let us know
- Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes
- Talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child's involvement - we want to hear from you
- Make sure your child is aware that any continuous disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated.

### Behaviours

- Children get a wide range of benefits from participating in sport, like making friends, getting exercise and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses.
- By joining Southampton athletics club your child will be expected to compete in the winter and summer competitions and represent the club
- Behave positively from the stand - shout encouragement and let your children know you're proud of what they're doing
- Use social media responsibly when talking about what goes on at our club, by behaving in the same way online as you would in person
- Talk to your child about embracing good etiquette and sportsmanship and encourage your child to play by the rules
- Ensure that your child understands the 'Athlete Code of Conduct' which can be found on the Southampton A.C. website (<http://www.southamptonathleticclub.org.uk>), under the 'Welfare' tab.

**As a parent, we understand you have the right to:**

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us



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- Have the right to see any of our policies and procedures at any time
- Know what training and qualifications our coaches have
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child
- Know what happens if there's an accident or injury
- Be informed if your child is injured and see records of any accidents
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to.

We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any parent behaves in a way, which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with the parent and aim to resolve the issue.

Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking your child to leave the club permanently, something we never want to do.

**Athlete(s) name:**

**Signature of parent:**

**Print name:**

**Date:**