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North Highland Harriers

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Introduction

North Highland Harriers (NHH) expects the Parents/Guardians of Junior Members to always behave in a dignified and appropriate manner. To ensure all understand the NHH standards a Code of Conduct is provide below.

As a Responsible Parent/Guardian you will

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every athlete, coach, technical official and others involved in athletics.
- Respect the NHH Code of Conduct. Understand that NHH is principally an Endurance Club for Seniors, and therefore not all activities/events will be open to Juniors.
- Cooperate fully with others involved in the sport such as coaches, technical officials, team managers, doctors, physiotherapists, sport scientists and representatives of the governing body in the best interests of the athlete.
- Consistently promote positive aspects of the sport such as fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited or age-inappropriate substances.
- Never place undue pressure on children to perform, participate or compete.
- Check out the qualifications and licences of people who are coaching or managing your child or offering a service connected to athletics such as physiotherapy, massage or nutritional advice.
- Take an active interest in your child's participation, attending training sessions and competitions where appropriate.
- Offer to assist as a parent-helper as required.
- Know exactly where your child will be and who they will be with at all times.
- Never make assumptions about your child's safety.
- Ensure that your child does not take any unnecessary valuable items to training or competition.
- Inform the Membership Secretary of any health, medical, dietary or other needs your child has that need to be taken into consideration for participation in athletic events.
- Assume responsibility for safe transportation 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 your child goes to any away events or trips.
- Report any concerns you have about your child's or any other child's welfare to the NHH Welfare Officer, Regional, National or UKA Welfare Officers. (This does not affect your right to contact your local social services or the police if you feel it is necessary).
- Not put other Members into potentially compromising situations. These include situation which could result in claims of bullying, harassment or abuse being carried out. For example leaving only one Senior Member with Junior Members; as a Junior Member organising a one-to-one meeting.

As a Responsible Parent/Guardian attending any Athletics Activities you will:

- Act with dignity and display courtesy and good manners towards others.
- Avoid swearing and use of abusive language.
- Avoid irresponsible behaviour including behaviour that is dangerous to yourself or others; including but not limited to acts of violence, bullying, harassment and physical and sexual abuse.
- Challenge inappropriate behaviour and language by others.
- Be aware that your attitude and behaviour directly affects the behaviour of your child and other young athletes.
- Avoid destructive behaviour and leave venues as you find them.
- Never engage in any inappropriate or illegal behaviour.

- Not carry or consume alcohol to excess and/or illegal substances.
- Not carry any items that can be dangerous to yourself or to others excluding athletic equipment used in the course of your child's athletics activity.