

HPRC Code of Conduct January 2024

Introduction

Every club member will be asked to abide by this code of conduct either when they join a club as part of the club application process, or when they renew their club membership.

Purpose

The purpose of a code is to clarify:

- what behaviours are acceptable and unacceptable from members
- the standards of practice expected from fellow members
- the basis for challenging and improving practice as a tool for continuous improvement

It can be used prior to or during training sessions or at member or committee meetings. When a club member does not meet the expectations set out in the code, the club's other relevant policies may need to be referred to and action may be taken.

Responsible athlete agreement

As a responsible athlete, I will:

- respect the rights of every athlete, coach, technical official and others involved in athletics and treat everyone equitably
- uphold the same sporting values away from sport as I do when I am engaged in athletics
- participate within the rules of the sport, respect decisions of coaches and officials, and demonstrate respect towards fellow athletes
- 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 my best interests and those of other athletes
- consistently promote positive aspects of the sport and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances
- anticipate and be responsible for my own needs, including being organised, having the appropriate equipment and being on time
- act with dignity and display courtesy and good manners towards others
- in no way undermine, put down or belittle other athletes, coaches or practitioners
- avoid swearing and abusive language whilst in athletic venues, at club functions and events, or when as part of a team
- never engage in any inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- challenge and report inappropriate behaviour and language by others
- not misuse or abuse sporting equipment and venues
- not carry or consume alcohol or illegal substances while training or competing in athletics

- use safe transport or travel arrangements

Sources

<https://www.uka.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/codes-of-conduct-booklet.pdf>

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