

Blackrock Athletic Club Juvenile Section  
Club Child Protection Policy

## Mission

The objective of Blackrock Junior Athletic Club is to promote athletics in Blackrock and the surrounding area. It operates in a safe, caring, friendly and fun loving environment and endeavours to provide the necessary coaching expertise required to enable young athletes of all abilities to reach their full potential. It lays special emphasis on fair play, community and sportsmanship and actively encourages the development of such attributes as team work and leadership.

## Club Commitment to Child Welfare

Blackrock Athletic Club Juvenile Section is committed to ensuring that all young people who join the club have a safe and positive experience. Early experiences of young athletes in our sport need to be positive and enjoyable.

We follow best practice in Child Welfare, and fully adhere to Athletics Ireland's ('AAI') recommended processes in this area. The AAI material is available at the AAI website's Child Welfare page which can be found at <http://www.athleticsireland.ie>

To maintain an open and transparent approach we have adopted the AAI's Safeguarding Statement, Related Policies, Codes of Conduct and Guidelines as our own, in some places customised for our club. We have performed a Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment and adopted appropriate policies to address the child safety risks identified. Details of this review are available on the website under the child welfare tab. The Club Safeguarding Statement for Children can be found on the website and the Club Noticeboard.

The Club has policies around Codes of Conduct, Coaching, Bullying, Reporting, Vetting and data protection for all our members. We expect all members, parents, coaches, and volunteers to read the policies to understand and comply with the Club Rules. All participating children must sign up to the code of conduct.

All members confirm that they know and understand these policies annually when they renew their membership. We rely on parents to ensure that all children and young athletes are made aware of the club rules and policies.

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### Club Rules

### Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians

### Code of Conduct for Young Athletes and Children

### Volunteer Vetting Policy

### Coaching Policy

Data Protection Policy

Bullying and Reporting Policy

### Club Principles

The Club and those involved with the club will abide by the following principles and statements:

- All young people within Blackrock AC, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to be protected.
- All young people participating in sport have a right to do so in a safe environment.
- All adults involved with the club will provide a safe, positive and fun, sporting experience for young people.
- All volunteers, coaches and officials will understand and be supported in their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care of young people.
- All suspicious and allegations will be taken seriously, managed and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- The club will assist coaches, volunteers and officials to remain up-to-date with the latest safeguarding and child protection issues.
- The club will appoint a Child Welfare Officers whose role is to be responsible for issues concerning child welfare at the club.