

Blackrock Athletic Club Juvenile Section
Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians

Parents and Guardians are entitled to:

- Know that their child is safe while training and competing with the club.
- Make a complaint if they believe that their child's safety is compromised.
- Be kept informed of any issues arising in relation to their child.
- Be informed if their child is injured.

Parents and Guardians should always:

- Be a role model for your child
- Maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, coaches, officials and volunteers.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Ensure that your child is registered with the club and that their membership renewal is up to date. Membership runs from January to December.
- Ensure that the club is informed of any medical issues your child may have.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Ensure you are familiar with the start and finish time of your child's training sessions or competition and that they are dropped off and collected on time.
- Ensure that an adult with responsibility for your child attends for the full duration of the training session when the athletes are under 10 years of age.
- Ensure that all athlete belongings have name tags and all belongings are taken home at the end of each training session.
- Ensure that young athletes are properly attired in club singlets for competitions.
- Ensure that the club has up to date contact details for parents/guardians.
- If possible volunteer with the club for coaching, officiating or running events.

Parents and Guardians should not:

- Force your child to take part in sport if they are injured or unwell.
- Punish or belittle a child for losing or poor performance.
- Argue with coaches, volunteers or other officials.
- Behave in a manner that brings the club into disrepute.
- Attempt to meet your own needs and aspirations for success and achievement through your child's participation in games.