



BOURNEMOUTH ATHLETIC CLUB

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Parents and Carers - Code of Conduct

Based on the UKA Welfare Procedure

Parents and carers are welcome and indeed encouraged to view training sessions and competitions and your thoughts, comments and suggestions on how we do things are gratefully accepted. We have codes of conduct for coaches and children and we ask parents and carers to observe a similar code.

You are encouraged to:

- Check out the people who are coaching or managing your child
- Report any concerns you have about your child's welfare / treatment to the club / regional / national welfare officer (this does not affect your rights to notify the social services department or police if you feel a crime has been committed)
- Never make assumptions about your child's safety
- Assume responsibility for the safe transportation of your children to and from events and training activities or ensure that appropriate arrangements have been made
- Know exactly where your child will be at all times and who they are with
- Support your child's involvement and help them enjoy their sport. Take an active interest in your child's participation. Attend training and competitions whenever possible
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all. Publicly accept officials' judgements
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results. Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Ensure that you do not place undue pressure on children to perform, participate or compete
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Ensure that your child does not take unnecessary valuable items to training or competition
- Return a written informed consent form to the Club/Team Manager/Chaperone, including next of kin details, health and medical requirements, before your child goes to any 'away' events
- Inform your child's coach of any illness or disability that needs to be taken into consideration for athletic performance
- Provide any necessary medication that your child needs for the duration of any trips

The Club's Welfare Officer is currently (July 2009) Wynne Munden, she may be contacted via the office at Kings Park.