



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS OR SUPPORTERS

Parents/Guardians have the primary responsibility for the care and welfare of their children. They should encourage their children to participate in sport for fun and enjoyment and should ensure that their child's experience of sport is a positive one. Parents should always remember that children play sport for their own enjoyment and not that of the parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians will ideally work in partnership with North Belfast Harriers to promote good practice within the club and support all efforts to protect the children against all forms of abuse. To assist in this parents must ensure that their child/children abide by the 'Code of Conduct for Junior Athletes' which they will have read and signed to say they agree with.

They should become aware of club procedures and policies.

Parents/Guardians should remember that children learn best by example.

Parents/Guardians are reminded that North Belfast Harriers is run solely by volunteers and to assist in the promotion of good practice within the club parents/guardians should:

- Be encouraged to contribute their time and effort in the running of the club.
- Be aware of the relevant leaders and their role within the club.
- Show respect for Coaches/Assistants and their decisions.
- Never undermine a coach's decision by approaching other members of the coaching team.
- Be informed of the training and/or competitive programs.
- Encourage their child in fair play.
- Behave responsibly on the track and at events.
- Focus on their child's efforts rather than performance.
- Focus on the fun and participation of their child in the activity.

- Liaise with the coaches in relation to the times/locations of training sessions, medical conditions of their child/children and any other requirements for their children's safety.
- Avoid communicating with the coach during sessions, organise time to speak to them outside these times.
- Have their comments and suggestions considered and their complaints acknowledged and dealt with as they arise.
- Accept that North Belfast Harriers is not a child-minding service.
- Be responsible for their children's safety, including delivering and collecting from training punctually.
- Not leave their children unsupervised at the track or hall at any time.

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