

## **UKA Club Safeguarding Codes of Conduct**

The UK Athletics (UKA) Codes of Conduct set out national standards of conduct for all clubs, coaches, officials, volunteers and athletes in the sport.

The latest codes take account of developments in national policy, guidance and practice. The purpose of the codes are to clarify:

- what behaviours are acceptable and unacceptable
- the standards of practice expected from all club members
- the basis for challenging and improving practice

**All club members affiliated with England Athletics must agree to the Senior Athletes Codes of Conduct.**

### **SENIOR ATHLETES CODES OF CONDUCT**

**As responsible athletes, full members are expected to:**

- abide by the UKA and the HCAF [Child Safeguarding Policy](#) and [Child Safeguarding Procedures](#)
- abide by the UKA and the HCAF [Adult Safeguarding Policy](#) and [Adult Safeguarding Procedures](#)
- 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 they do when 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 their 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 their own needs, including being organised, having the appropriate equipment and being on time
- inform their coach of any other coaching that they are seeking or receiving
- 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/squad
- 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
- maintain strict boundaries between friendship and intimacy with a coach or official
- use safe transport or travel arrangements
- act ethically, professionally and with integrity, and take responsibility for their actions.
- recognise that they are bound by the UKA Anti-Doping Regulations, and submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.

**\*UK Anti-Doping Rules apply to all members participating in athletics for a minimum of 12 months from the commencement of membership whether or not the member is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK. Any athlete wishing to retire from the sport of athletics must put this in writing to the club and their Home Country Athletics Federation (Athletics Northern Ireland / England Athletics / Scottish Athletics / Welsh Athletics) and cancel any applicable membership. Official retirement will remove the athlete from being under the auspices of UKA's Anti-Doping Rules.**

## **BREACH OF THE CODES OF CONDUCT**

**As responsible athletes, full members are expected to understand that if they do not follow the code, action can be taken by the club and they may:**

- be asked to apologise for their behaviour
- receive a verbal warning from their coach
- receive a verbal or written warning from the club committee
- be suspended from attending club training sessions
- be suspended from the club
- be required to leave the club