## **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

## ATHLETES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Play by the rules.

Never argue with an official. If you disagree, ask your team manager, chaperone or supervising adult to deal with the matter.

Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other athletes, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in our sport.

Work equally hard for yourself and your Centre/Club.

Be a good sport. Applaud all good results whether they be by your Centre/Club, your opponent or the other Centre/Club.

Treat all athletes as you would like to be treated. Do not inferfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another athlete.

Co-operate with your coach, club mates and other participants. Without them there would be no competition. Participate in Athletics for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents or coaches.

## ATHLETES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR - MANAGEMENT

Any child misbehaving is to be counseled by that child's parents or if not present the chaperone or a Committee member if in the vicinity.

If the behavior continues, depending on the level of the disruption, the chaperone or Committee member may:

Again counsel the child

Hand over responsibility for the child's supervision to the parent/guardian

Send for the President (or substitute) to intervene.

The child will be recorded as a non starter if they are not ready to compete at the required time because inappropriate behavior is being dealt with.

Where the President (or substitute) has been called to three separate incidents involving the same child, that child can be suspended for the remainder of the season with no fee refund.

If behavior at any time is deemed to be of a magnitude to likely cause harm, or injury and/or damage such behavior is to be stopped immediately with the perpetrators being escorted to the clubrooms. The President (or substitute) is to be informed as soon as practicable. Exercise of this penalty will require prudence and depend on the individual circumstances.