



Club Code of Conduct: Senior Athletes

As a responsible athlete, you will:

- abide by the UKA and the HCAF Adult Safeguarding Policy and Adult safeguarding Procedures <https://athleticsni.org/download/files/Codes-of-conduct-booklet.pdf>
- abide by the UKA and the HCAF Child Safeguarding Policy and Child safeguarding Procedures
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of every club member, athlete, coach, technical official and others involved in athletics and treat everyone with equality
- uphold the same sporting values away from sport as I do when I am 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 my 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 my own needs, including being organised, having the appropriate equipment and being on time
- inform my coach of any other coaching that I am 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
- refrain from swearing and abusive language whilst in athletic venues, at club functions, whilst participating in Facebook/Whatsapp chats, at training, 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 your actions.
- promote an environment where all concerns can be raised without fear of victimisation or reprisal

BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand that if I do not follow the code, action can be taken by my club and I may:

- be asked to apologise for my behaviour
- receive a verbal warning from my 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.