

Radley AC

Code of conduct for Coaches

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below.

Coaches must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of athletes before the development of performance e.g. an "athlete-centred" approach.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with athletes, based on mutual trust and respect. This may include setting expectations of attendance and behaviour.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body (UKA & England Athletics) including poaching.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the Club including its Welfare policy
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover and ensure that these are renewed by the relevant credits/upgrading required.
- Never exert undue influence over athletes to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone or encourage rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances
- Endeavour to attend regular coaches meetings to ensure you are kept advised of Club developments and other issues that may arise
- Show courtesy to other track users and coaches
- Liase with other coaches over use of the track and other equipment/facilities
- Always ensure the athletes for whom they are responsible have adequate supervision etc at times when you are unable to attend a scheduled session (especially junior athletes)
- Take a register at every session if they are coaching juniors and ensure they are accounted for at all times until collected.

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