

BEDFORD & COUNTY ATHLETIC CLUB LIMITED

PARENT/GUARDIANS' CHARTER

As the parent/guardian of a Junior Member (i.e. members under 18 years of age) of Bedford & County Athletic Club Limited (the "Club), I will:

1. Respect and encourage the implementation of the Junior Member Charter signed by my son/daughter/ward and any other the by-laws, rules and regulations and policies of the Club made by the Executive Committee or by the Club as amended from time to time.
2. Understand that athletics is a competitive sport, both individual and team based, and the willingness to compete is a key ingredient in the development of the individual athlete and will therefore encourage my son/daughter/ward to compete for the Club as and when they are reasonably requested to by their coach or team manager.

Please note that the Club will ensure that no athlete is put under undue pressure to compete too frequently or when recovering from injury. The Club will also ensure that any request to the athlete to compete is reasonable and takes into account the individual's circumstances on every occasion.

3. Encourage my son/daughter/ward to adopt a positive attitude and constructive approach to training and competition, and a loyalty to his/her coach.
4. Volunteer to assist in the running of the Club and its activities or help out in whatever way is appropriate when asked by the Club at least on an occasional basis and will also encourage my son/daughter/ward to volunteer when asked to by the Club.

It must be remembered that the Club is entirely run by volunteers and there are never enough to take on the responsibilities that the Club has to meet.

5. Ensure that the Club has my up to date contact details, including a mobile phone number, and I will ensure that this mobile phone is switched on whilst my son/daughter/ward is under Club supervision.
6. Be responsible for the collection of my son/daughter/ward at any designated time notified to me by the coach.
7. Be aware of the name of the coach or team manager who will be responsible for my son/daughter/ward during training or at a competition and ensure that this person is available when my son/daughter/ward is dropped off at the Club or other venue as notified to me by the coach.

8. Be aware of the limits of the Club's responsibility and acknowledge that whilst the Club takes its responsibilities very seriously, and all its authorised coaches are properly trained, qualified and licensed, and subject to CRB/DBS certification, I must nonetheless accept that it is a volunteer-run organisation with limited resource and that it is my responsibility to check out the qualifications and licences of people responsible for my son/daughter/ward, and to know where (and with whom) my son/daughter/ward is whenever they are at Club events and that the Club can only have any level of responsibility where the supervisors in question should reasonably know of the presence and the identity of those in their care at any particular time.

Please note that due to the club being entirely run by volunteers, there will be occasions when coaches and other club offices leave the club for whatever reason, and it proves difficult or even impossible to replace them very quickly. Hence there may be occasions when we unavoidably have to reduce capacity of training groups at relatively short notice in order to still fulfil our duty of care.

9. Ensure that my son/daughter/ward is suitable equipped for training. This includes suitable clothing for cold, wet, winter months.
10. Offer positive encouragement, at all times, to my son/daughter/ward and understand that there will be experiences of failure as well as success and understand that it is important that my son/daughter/ward enjoys athletics in order to derive the maximum benefit from the sport.

I understand that the Club has the right to withdraw its coaching services from my son/daughter/ward and/ or decline or withdraw his/her membership to the Club if, in the reasonable view of the Club's Executive Committee (based on information from the relevant coaches), I or my son/daughter/ward do not adhere to this Charter or the Junior Member Charter as applicable or the Club's Articles of Association or any other by-laws, rules and regulations and policies of the Club made by the Executive Committee or by the Club as amended from time to time.

This Charter is made pursuant to Article 2.1(j) and Article 18 of the Club's Articles of Association. Where there is any inconsistency between this Charter and the Articles of Association, the provisions of the Articles of Association shall prevail. It is noted that this Charter can be varied by the Executive Committee in accordance with Article 18 or by the Voting Members at a general meeting.

The interpretation of the rules shall be the prerogative of the Executive Committee.

Signed:
Print Name:

Date: