

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

SKERRIES ATHLETIC CLUB

All coaches, officials and volunteers at the club should:

- Complete Volunteers application form and Garda Vetting form
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Be positive during training sessions and competitions, praise and encourage effort as well as results.
- Encourage fair play and treat all young athletes equally.
- Recognise developmental needs, ensuring activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Be willing to undertake training courses and workshops relevant to Athletics Ireland.
- Never exert undue influence over athletes to gain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage athletes to value their performances and not just results.
- Encourage athletes to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Never use foul or inappropriate language.
- Always remain in pairs, one male and one female official, until a child has been collected from a training session.
- Avoid spending excessive amounts of time with children away from others.
- Involve parents where possible and inform parents when problems arise.
- Keep records of attendance at training and competitions, brief records of injury and action taken, records of problems/action/outcomes, if behavioural problems arise.
- Be familiar with club policies and procedures.

I have fully read and understand the above code of conduct and will ensure that my conduct and practise reflect the above points.

Signed:.....

Name:.....

Date:.....