



Code of Conduct Support Personnel:

As an overriding principle, parents are asked to support Athletics NSW and its activities. Co-operation between parents and the Association help focus the athlete on his/her performance and ultimately will be for the benefit of all parties. As a code of conduct parents are encouraged to:

- Support all athletes regardless of the state or the club they represent
- Focus upon your son/daughter's efforts and performances rather than the overall outcome of the event.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each event is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing an event.
- Remember that children learn best from example
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels, rather than question the official's judgment and honesty in public. Remember, most officials volunteer their time for your child's involvement.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their resources to provide activities for your child's involvement and deserve your support.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Never act in a threatening or confronting manner in front of any athlete. Threatening behaviour can be characterized as
 - verbal abuse
 - invasion of personal space
 - vocal questioning of officials or managers
 - unwanted physical contact
 - unwanted verbal contact

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This is by no means an exhaustive list and any inappropriate behavior will be assessed by the Team Manager on a case by case basis.

Period of Supervision:

Athletes who travel with the team

- 1) For athletes who travel with the team, supervision will be exercised at a predetermined location such as an airport gate, athletics facility or accommodation venue. The period of supervision will remain continuous until it expires at another predetermined point in time and place. Once enacted, supervision of your child by Athletics NSW cannot cease unless written permission is sought and granted prior to departure.
- 2) No athlete is permitted to be away from the team at any stage during the team's travel.

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