

**BLACKHEATH & BROMLEY HARRIERS AC**

**CODE OF CONDUCT – ATHLETE**

As a responsible athlete you will:

* treat others with the same respect and fairness that you wish to receive
* uphold the same values off the track as you do when engaged in athletics
* make yourself aware of Club rules and all related policies and guidance
* anticipate your own needs, be organised and on time
* be appreciative towards those who help you participate in athletics whether it be family, coaches, team managers, team mates, officials or other volunteers
* inform your coach of any other coaching you are receiving
* show patience with and respect differences in gender, ability, culture, race, ethnicity and religious beliefs between yourself and others
* act with dignity at all times
* not respond if someone seeks private information, unrelated to athletics e.g. home life
* use safe transport or travel arrangements
* not use alcohol or cigarettes or illegal or performance enhancing drugs
* act with good behaviour at all times when travelling by coach, staying in hotels or at competition venues and comply with any additional conduct requirements applicable to a particular trip. Any damage caused, other than by accident, by Club members will have to be paid for by those responsible
* never engage in any illegal or irresponsible behaviour. Team Managers may exclude those Club members whose behaviour breaches the Code of Conduct from participating in events. Under no circumstances, when at an away match, are you to leave an athletics stadium or hotel unless accompanied by a Team Manager or other approved adult chaperone, and then only after consulting your Team Manager
* be aware that any serious breaches of the Code of Conduct could result in disciplinary action, including a temporary ban or cancellation of Club membership
* not take valuable items to training venues or on trips and no responsibility can be taken by the Club for loss of personal property
* challenge anyone whose behaviour falls below the expected standards of Blackheath & Bromley Harriers AC
* speak out immediately if anything makes you concerned or uncomfortable (telling your parents/carers and/or the Club’s Child Protection Officer) or if you suspect a club mate has suffered from misconduct by someone else
* make yourself aware of, and observe, the Code of Conduct laid down by those responsible for the safe operation of your training venue

Whilst at the track:

* No warming up or jogging on the inside lane
* No cheering from inside of the track because it is seen as coaching.
* No shouting the times for another athlete unless you do it for all athletes in the race.
* No walking in front of the time keepers at the finish.
* No running along to encourage another athlete, again this is seen as coaching/pacing.

For more information relating to the Club’s rules and procedures and who to contact in incidents of misconduct or bad practice please see – <http://www.bandbhac.org.uk/about%20us.html>