



Code of Conduct – Little Athlete

ATHLETICS WEST

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It is noted that ALL individuals competing as athletes at Ridgewood Athletics Centre are bound by this Code of Conduct for the 2024/2025 Season.

Little Athlete Code of Conduct

In addition to Athletics West General Code of Conduct, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of Ridgewood Athletics Centre and its affiliated Clubs in your role as a little athlete:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow little athletes, coaches, officials and spectators.
2. Refrain from conduct that could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation.
3. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow little athletes and competitors.
4. Participate fairly and safely.
5. Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury and your ability to fully train and compete.
6. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
7. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the officials. Be courteous and use the correct process when seeking a rule clarification.
8. Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training.
9. Co-operate with coaches and officials in relation to programs that adequately prepare you for competition.
10. Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).
11. Applaud all good performances, by your opponents.
12. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of those who create the opportunity for you to compete (e.g. coaches, timekeepers, administrators and officials).
13. Participate in Little Athletics for the 'fun of it' and not just to please parents and coaches.
14. Compete according to the rules.
15. Any approach to an official should be in a courteous manner. Never argue with an Official.
16. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other athletes, deliberately distracting or provoking another athlete is not acceptable, nor permitted in our sport.
17. Never use bad language.
18. Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good results, whether they are by little athletes at your Centre / Club, or another Centre / Club.
19. Any form of cheating is unacceptable.
20. Work equally hard for yourself and / or your Centre / Club as both will benefit.
21. Treat all athletes as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another athlete.
22. Co-operate with your coach, club mates and other athletes. Without them there would be no competition.

