



Code of Conduct – Officials



ATHLETICS WEST

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Officials 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 an official:

1. Officiate according to the rules and where subjective judgement is necessary decide on the basis of what is fair to all athletes.
2. Treat all little athletes, coaches, administrators, parents and other officials with respect.
3. Place the safety and welfare of the little athletes above all else, including by:
 - a. Ensuring the competition track / enclosure and its surrounds are compliant with the rules.
 - b. Taking appropriate action to manage dangerous situations.
4. Maintain a high standard of personal conduct at all times.
5. Be a positive role model through conduct and personal appearance projecting a favourable image of little athletics and officiating at all times.
6. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation.
7. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction with other little athletics participants.
8. Maintain or improve your current performance level and seek continual improvement.
9. Be honest and do not allow your qualifications / accreditation to be misrepresented.
10. Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
11. Commend honest effort not just performance excellence.
12. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
13. Use common sense to ensure that the Spirit of the Sport is not lost by over officiating.
14. Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the athletes.
15. Encourage the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
16. Co-operate with other officials to discourage improper conduct by spectators.
17. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and rule changes.
18. Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour. Actions speak louder than words.
19. Never use bad language.

