

# Belgooly Athletic Club

## Code of Good Behaviour for Juvenile Athletes

### Role of the Club:

The primary role of Belgooly Athletic Club is to ensure that all athletes are encouraged to learn athletics in a safe and friendly environment. All athletes are encouraged to participate, make friends and have fun.

### Code of Good Behaviour:

The code of good behaviour outlines briefly the rules and procedures, which should be observed by young Belgooly athletes. Adherence to the code should ensure that everyone will enjoy their involvement in Belgooly Athletic Club. The rules are as follows:

- Treat Coaches, Officials and organisers with respect.
- Compete and train fairly at all times, do your best
- Respect team members
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat
- Abide by the rules set down by the coaches and officials
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the sport of Athletics into disrepute
- Talk to club coaches or officers if they have any problems
- All Belgooly athletes must be registered with the club on an annual basis
- All club members are expected to show the highest standards of behaviour at all times.  
Crude or offensive language or racist comments are not acceptable.
- Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.
- All Belgooly athletes should act as ambassadors for the club and should behave accordingly on all occasions.

### Young athletes should never:

- Cheat
- Use violence or physical contact
- Shout or argue with officials, team members or opponents.
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another athlete
- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage
- Take banned substances
- Tell lies about adults/ young people
- Spread rumours

## **Young athletes are entitled to:**

- Be listened to and be believed
  - Be safe and feel safe
  - Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
  - Participate on an equal basis
  - Be happy, have fun and enjoy sport
  - Make complaints and have them dealt with
  - Get help against bullies
  - To protect their own bodies
  - Confidentiality
- . Approach the Child Welfare Officer with any questions or concerns they may have.

## **Disciplinary Procedures**

- Each coach is responsible for discipline within his / her group. The coach or coaches speaking directly with the athlete can deal with minor breaches of the Code of Good Behaviour.
- If misbehaviour continues, the coach should report the matter to the Chairperson of the club, who in turn will contact the committee who will discuss the matter in detail.
- The Parents/Guardians will be then notified of the situation.
- If no meaningful improvement occurs, Belgooly Athletic Club can impose a range of sanctions up to and including suspension of the athlete for a period of time from club activities. The athlete and his/her parents will be informed in writing of the sanctions imposed.
- If misbehaviour continues, Belgooly Athletic Club may withdraw membership and refuse further membership to the individual.
- Belgooly Athletic Club reserve the right to suspend an individual for a single serious breach of the Code of Good Behaviour.
- Personal hearings will be granted to all parties involved if sought or required.