

Belgooly Athletic Club

Code of good behaviour for Parents/Guardians

Parents/Guardians should encourage their child to:

- Play by the rules.
- Improve their skill levels.
- Appreciate everybody in their club, regardless of ability.

Parents/Guardians should lead by example:

- Be a role model for their child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, with officials and organisers.
- Respect official's decisions and encourage children to do likewise.
- Never embarrass a child by the use of sarcastic remarks.
- Show approval for effort, not just results.
- Encourage their child to participate within the rules. Teach their child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all they can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Do not criticise performance. Identify how improvements may be made.
- Applaud other participants. Encourage mutual respect for all competitors.
- Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its form.

Parents/Guardians should:

- Inform the coaches of any change in their child's medical history prior to coaching sessions or competition.
- Ensure that their child is punctual in attending training sessions or competitions.
- Listen to what young people have to say.
- Show approval whether the athlete wins or loses.

Parents/Guardians should assist their club by:

- Showing appreciation to volunteers, coach's and club officials
- Attend training and competitions on a regular basis.
- Assisting in the organising of club activities and events as requested.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each one equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.

Parents/Guardians have to right to:

- Know that their child is safe and that at no stage they are been put under pressure or bullying from a member of the Belgooly Athletic Club or another athlete.
- Be informed of problems/concerns relating to their child.
- If a parent/guardian has any worries/issues they should bring them to the attention of one of the coaches or to an officer of the club. We will endeavour to treat all issues with confidentiality and respect.