



## **Code of Conduct – 2017 / 2018**

Little Athletics is about 'Family Fun and Fitness'. JLAC is committed to ensuring that children can enjoy little athletics in a safe no-threatening environment and, as a result, this Code of Conduct is in force at JLAC events.

When you participate in a JLAC event, you agree to follow this Code of Conduct. Breaking the Code of Conduct can result in you being penalised, including the possibility of you being asked to leave the event or being suspended from future JLAC events. Athletes can be disqualified from events.

### **Parents and Spectators**

- Support a safe, fun and encouraging environment for children to enjoy little athletics;
  - Do not smoke or drink alcohol or consume other intoxicating drugs during JLAC events;
  - Do not attend JLAC events intoxicated;
  - Do not ridicule athletes for their performance;
  - Do not use bad language, physical violence or intimidation towards an athlete or another parent or spectator; and
  - Do not encourage athletes to cheat, argue with officials or to use bad language, abuse, physical violence and intimidation towards another athlete or official.
- Keep within the designated spectator areas unless officiating or helping to officiate an event;
- Respect the decisions of officials and direct any questions, disagreements to the designated Arena Manager;
  - Do not directly approach an official to question a decision or the conduct of an event, during or immediately after the event;
  - Do not use bad language or abuse towards officials; and
  - Do not use physical violence or intimidation towards an official.

### **Officials**

- Be consistent, diligent and honest in conducting and making decisions during an event;
  - Apply the events' rules fairly to all athletes without favouritism.
- Set a good example for athletes, parents and spectators;
  - Do not use bad language, abuse, physical violence or intimidation towards athletes, parents, spectators or other officials.

### **Athletes**

- Follow the rules;
  - Don't break the rules or try to cheat.
- Obey the instructions of officials during an event;
  - Stay within the spectator areas unless being marshalled or competing in an event.
- Show good sportsmanship towards fellow athletes and respect officials' decisions;
  - Do not use bad language or abuse another athlete or an official;
  - Do not argue with an official; and
  - Do not use physical violence, intimidation or teasing towards another athlete or an official.