



# **Team Kennet**

## **TRIATHLON & ATHLETICS CLUB**

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## **Codes of Conduct for Parents & Spectators**

Team Kennet is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its club members.

The club believes it is important that Parents and spectators always encourage and promote good behaviour. Parents/spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in Athletics. All children participate because they want to.

It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at athletics within our club that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Enjoying athletics
- A sense of personal achievement
- Self-esteem
- Improvement in the child's skills and techniques

A parents/spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other Athletes
- Officials
- Team Managers /Coaches
- Spectators

Team Kennet wants to promote and ensure that all parents/spectators within our club are always positive and encouraging towards all the children, not just their own.

Team Kennet encourages parents/spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching the children during the competition/training.
- Always show respect to the coaches and their decisions.
- Refrain from shouting and screaming.
- To NOT enter the track/field at any time unless advised to by a coach or official. (This would be in exceptional circumstances)
- Respect the official's decision when in competition
- Give attention to each of the children involved in athletics, not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone who participates in Athletics.

- Not take photographs of any child (under 18yrs. At all events you are required to register with the Host Club if you intend to take pictures. You will be required to wear the ID on show when permission is given. If you have gained special permission, you must not at any time place yourself in a position that could potentially be distracting to both athlete and official.

If parents or spectators are found to be in breach of any “code of conduct” for whatever reason, you could be called upon to:

- Explain your reasons as to why you have breached club rules, explaining your actions and circumstances. You may be asked to put it in writing.

Any complaints received, regarding a parent/spectators behaviour or conduct will be taken to the committee for further discussion if required; you will be informed of the outcome accordingly.

Team Kennet takes complaints very seriously and will take the relevant/precautionary measures where necessary to ensure that its athletes/members and the reputation of Team Kennet is held at the highest level.

**Cheryl Angell**

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**Vice Chairperson**

**Assistant Welfare Officer**

**Welfare Officer & Coach**

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