

ORCHARD EAGLES RUNNING CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT – SAFEGUARDING

Affiliated clubs must:

- adopt the UKA and HCAF Child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding Procedures, and ensure they are displayed prominently on websites and social media pages
- adopt the UKA and HCAF Adult Safeguarding Policy and Adult Safeguarding Procedures, and ensure they are displayed prominently on websites and social media pages
- adopt the UKA and HCAF Codes of Conduct and ensure they are signed up to by those working and volunteering in regulated roles, parents/carers and athletes (clubs that have online membership processes, or utilise third party sites, must make sure the process includes a section for the applicant to read and agree to abide by the codes of conduct)
- adopt the UKA and HCAF procedures for managing safeguarding concerns
- adopt a disciplinary process for managing misconduct cases
- appoint a minimum of one Welfare Officer in line with UKA guidelines and role description for Club Welfare Officers
- ensure that all coaches and volunteers are recruited safely and are operating appropriately within the club environment (i.e. that they hold appropriate up-to-date qualifications and licences, have undertaken a satisfactory criminal record check, and are adhering to the safeguarding policies, terms and conditions of their licence and the relevant codes of conduct)
- ensure that coaches, technical officials and club officers attend recommended safeguarding training every three years
- adopt an induction process for new members that includes agreeing and signing up to the codes of conduct, safeguarding policies, discipline policy, anti-bullying policies and other relevant information
- liaise appropriately with parents/carers, officials, coaches, UKA, the relevant HCAF and other relevant people/organisations to ensure that good practice is maintained
- maintain a register of safeguarding training attended and criminal record checks completed relevant to club members, and share this register with the HCAF when asked
- ensure that contact details for Club Welfare Officers and relevant agencies are openly displayed in club environs and on club websites, and made available to anyone who requires them
- ensure that club officers and volunteers act responsibly and set an example to others, especially younger members
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of every club member and others involved in athletics
- develop an environment that promotes the wellbeing and safety of athletes above other considerations, including the development of performance
- consistently promote positive aspects of the sport such as fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited or age-inappropriate substances
- accept that all office bearers and committee members have a responsibility for safeguarding children's wellbeing and protecting them from harm, and are prepared to respond to any concerns of abuse or poor practice
- challenge and change poor practice
- implement any recommendations of UK Athletics or the relevant HCAF
- promote an environment where all concerns can be raised without fear of victimisation or reprisal
- ensure that everyone volunteering or working with children or adults at risk at their club attends relevant safeguarding training every three years.