

# Whittlesea City Little Athletics Centre

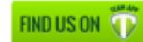


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## Expected Standards of Behaviour

Whittlesea City Little Athletics Centre (WCLAC), in alignment with Little Athletics Victoria (LA Vic), upholds a set of Codes of Conduct that all members are expected to follow. WCLAC is committed to ensuring that athletes, coaches, spectators, parents, officials, and administrators are aware of and adhere to the expected standards of behaviour.

Below is a summary of the behavioural expectations for all participants:

### Little Athletes Code of Behaviour

- Adhere to the rules and refrain from disputing decisions made by officials.
- Treat officials, parents, and fellow athletes with respect. Deliberate distractions, verbal abuse, or provocation are unacceptable.
- Strive equally for personal and team success.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship and treat others as you wish to be treated.
- Cooperate with coaches, club members, and other participants.
- Engage in Little Athletics for enjoyment and personal growth.

### Parents, Spectators, and Officials Code of Behaviour

- Encourage children to participate willingly; do not force involvement.
- Emphasise effort and personal improvement over competition outcomes.
- Teach children that honest effort is as valuable as winning.
- Promote rule-abiding participation.
- Applaud all athletes for their performance and effort.
- Avoid ridiculing or yelling at children for mistakes or losses.
- Recognise that children participate for their own enjoyment, not to meet others' expectations.
- Address disagreements with officials respectfully through appropriate channels (e.g., Event Chief, Chief of Officials, or Child Protection Officers).
- Support efforts to eliminate verbal and physical abuse in Little Athletics.
- Acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of volunteers and coaches.
- Exhibit respectful social behaviour and refrain from harassing athletes, coaches, or officials.
- Note: The entire venue—including premises, track grounds, and playing areas—is a no-smoking zone, which includes vaping.

**WCLAC maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward behaviour that violates the LA Vic Code of Conduct. This applies to athletes, parents, guardians, officials, and spectators. Any misconduct identified will be addressed promptly to minimise harm and uphold a safe environment.**

For further information, please refer to the LA Vic Code of Conduct and Child Safe Policy, available on the LA Vic website (<https://lavic.com.au/child-safe/child-safe-policies/>)

If you have concerns or questions, please contact your Club Child Protection Officer, Club President, or the WCLAC Child Protection Officers directly.