



# AYR SEAFORTH ATHLETIC CLUB PARENTERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

## PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ATHLETES UNDER 18

**As a responsible parent/person with parental responsibility you will:**

- Check out the people who are coaching or managing your child, and show them respect for the voluntary work that they do.
- Not place undue pressure on children to perform, participate or compete.
- Assume responsibility for the safe transport of your children to and from events and training activities. This may involve the use of club transport, but ensure that your child is accompanied by an adult who has agreed to take responsibility for their safety and welfare.
- Take an active interest in your child's participation and encourage them to take part in club competitions and activities. Attend training sessions and competitions whenever possible.
- Ensure that your child does not take unnecessary valuable items to training or competition
- Know exactly where your child will be at all times and who they are with. Never make assumptions about your child's safety
- Ensure that the club has details of any health and medical requirements for your child, and that their coach and team managers are aware of any illness or disability or behavioural problems that needs to be taken into consideration for athletic performance. Provide any necessary medication that your child needs for the duration of any trips
- Report any concerns you have about your child's welfare/treatment, to the club welfare officer (this does not affect your rights to notify the social services department or police if you feel a crime has been committed)

- Arrive on time at any agreed pick-up point, to collect your child from training or competition. Collect the child in person from the clubhouse or sports centre – for safety, they will not be allowed into the car park alone – please don't just wait in your car. Lateness may mean that the coach or team manager has to wait with them, and is late for a personal appointment.
- Assist the Club by volunteering to give a minimum of six hours of your time and talents each year to help the running of club or events in any way you can.
- Parents / Carers should not, on behalf of an athlete, approach another coach to receive coaching, without the consent of their current coach. The current coach should make the initial contact. If this is not to the athlete's satisfaction, contact should then be to the club's Board of Trustees. The athlete's interests will always be fully considered.
- Encourage and support your child to compete in competitions appropriate to their events and abilities and when selected to represent the club in any team event and to ensure that you child attends training sessions on a regular basis.