



Code of Conduct 2025

Teesdale Athletic Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members, ensuring a positive and enjoyable experience for all. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators, and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the Club Welfare Office or Club Secretary.

As a member of Teesdale Athletic Club, you are expected to abide by the following Code of Practice:

- All members must take responsibility for your own safety and listen to coaches' advice and direction.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs, or sexual identity or orientation.
- All members must avoid irresponsible behaviour, harassment, physical or sexual abuse or bullying of any sort.
- All members must act in a responsible and respectful manner to members of the public at all times especially when wearing club kit, being a good ambassador to the club and wider sport in general.
- Members should recognise the valuable contribution made by coaches and officials who are usually volunteers. They give their time and resources to ensure the club works best for members.
- All members must respect officials and publicly accept their decisions.
- All members should be a positive role model, treat other athletes and officials with the same level of respect you would expect to be shown to you, and challenge inappropriate behaviour by others.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Members are not allowed to smoke, consume drugs during club activities or whilst representing the club.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and official events, as agreed with the coach/team leaders.
- For off-track training sessions this includes Hi-Visibility gear as a minimum, with addition of reflective strips & lights preferred during darkness.
- In line with UK England Athletics directive the use of earphones during training sessions is not permitted.
- Members must pay any Club fees, Registration fees or other fees including events or club kit as arranged promptly.
- Encourage everyone to enjoy sport and understand that people have different motivations for taking part.