



Bedale and Aiskew Runners Safeguarding

Everyone in athletics has a part to play in safeguarding children and adults at risk. England Athletics aims to create an environment where everyone involved in athletics and running feels safe and welcome to enable them to be the best they can be.

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Bedale and Aiskew Runners consider safeguarding to be a vital part of operating a running club. It is essential that people feel safe and supported.

This is reflected in our club motto “ EVERY RUNNER MATTERS”

The England athletics website contains extensive information and contact points for Safeguarding issues. Their policies and procedures are the guidelines we adhere to in the event of an issue.

These can be viewed in the links below.

Policies

The purpose of these policies is to demonstrate the commitment of our club to build a safer future in athletics for everyone.

<https://www.englandathletics.org/resources/view/uk-athletics-hcaf-adult-safeguarding-policy/>

<https://www.englandathletics.org/clubhub/resource/child-safeguarding-policy/>

Procedures

These procedures detail the steps we take when a concern is raised that an adult involved in athletics and related activities, is at risk of or is experiencing harm.

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As a club all our committee, coaches and members also follow England athletics Code of Conduct.

The purpose of the codes are:

- What behaviours are acceptable and unacceptable
- The standards of practice expected
- The basis for challenging and improving practise

The booklet can be found via the link below

<https://england-athletics-prod-assets-bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/2021/07/codes-of-conduct-booklet2021.pdf>

If anyone has a safeguarding issue and wants to raise a concern this should be raised with either one or both of our two Club Welfare Officers. Their details can be found on the club committee page.

Additionally you can submit a concern on the England Athletics website