

GOLD COAST LITTLE ATHLETICS

PARENT / GUARDIAN GUIDELINES AND DUTY OF CARE

A child's basic training in good sportsmanship comes from the home!

- * If children are interested, encourage them to participate. However, if your child is not willing, do not force him or her to participate in an event that may cause stress.
- * Focus upon your child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists your child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- * Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each competition is accepted without undue disappointment.
- * Encourage your child to always participate according to the rules.
- * Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- * Remember children are involved in organized sports for **their** enjoyment not yours.
- * Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good attempts and performances by all athletes.
- * If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- * Always endeavour to follow the directions of the Arena Manager and/or other competition day officials
- * Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- * Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
- * Never arrive at a Little Athletics competition or coaching session under the influence of alcohol.

As a parent / guardian of a Gold Coast Little Athlete I undertake to follow the above guidelines to the best of my ability.

I undertake that my child/children will not be left at training or competitions held by Gold Coast Little Athletics Centre at Pizzey Park Athletics Track unless I have made an arrangement with a responsible adult.

I am aware that if my child/children are found to be unaccompanied, they will be removed from the field of competition, taken to the clubhouse where I will be contacted to come and collect them immediately.

Signed parent/guardian.....

Print name of parent/guardian.....

Print name of child/children and age group

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Contact phone: Home..... Mobile.....

Emergency contact number

Dated