



Durham City Harriers and Athletic Club Welcome Pack



This pack is a web based guide to the procedures and policies that apply to all athletes, coaches, volunteers, parents / carers and officials within the club. It is imperative that you read and abide by all appropriate codes of conduct and, if you feel in any way that others within the club are not following these codes of conduct, that you contact the Club Chair as soon as possible.

As part of your application to join the club you will be asked to sign up to those codes of conduct that apply to your role within the club.

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Introductory letter to parents / carers

On behalf of Durham City Harriers and Athletic Club I would like to welcome your child to the club and take this opportunity to provide you with some information on our activities. The club provides opportunities for young people of the age of eight and above to receive coaching and, if they wish, competition within the disciplines of Track and Field Athletics, Cross Country and Road, when they reach the appropriate age for those disciplines. Our coaches are UKA qualified, which includes being checked by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

We welcome parents /carers to attend training and competitions and value your support. We are keen involve parents / carers in the club so please talk to club officials and coaches, if you have any comments on the club or want to discuss your child's progress in athletics. The club welcomes volunteers to help out with the many roles and support jobs that make up a successful club.

Our club website, which has a parents and carers section, is the primary source of communication for the club, but in addition you may also receive communications from time to time by letter or email if preferred, about specific events etc. There is also a club notice board.

The club also has a Junior Section Co-ordinator, Ann Toogood, who is also one of our coaches and takes an overview on the provision that the club provides to the Junior section.

Membership fees are set each year at the club's AGM. There is no charge levied at individual training sessions, this is covered by the annual membership fee as are some team competitions such as the Young Athletes League and Harrier Cross-country League.

We appreciate it if your child can arrive and be collected at training session promptly. If you are going to be late picking up your child please either contact your child directly if they have a mobile phone with them, and instruct them to inform their coach or alternatively contact reception at Maiden Castle, who can then get a message to the child and coach.

In order that the club can provide the appropriate environment for successful and enjoyable athletics we have developed codes of conduct and procedures covering the activities of the club. These are accessible via links on the website. Please read those applicable to yourself and ensure that your child has read at least the Junior Section Code of conduct which sets out the acceptable behaviour standards. The clubs codes of conduct also set out how we expect coaches, volunteers etc to conduct themselves.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Andy Billett, Chair

Introductory letter to Senior Members

On behalf of Durham City Harriers and Athletic Club I would like to welcome you to the club and take this opportunity to provide you with some information about DCH&AC.

The club provides opportunities for people to train, be coached and take part in competitions across Track and Field Athletics, Cross country and Road Running. Our coaches are UKA qualified, which includes being checked by the Criminal Records Bureau.


Membership fees are set each year at the club's AGM. There is no charge levied at individual training sessions, this is covered by the annual membership fee as are some team competitions such as the North of England Athletes League and Harrier Cross-country League.

The club's website and its members' forum are the primary source of information and communication, although you may be contacted by letter or e-mail if preferred, on specific occasions. There is also a club notice board.

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