

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS



YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE RULES WHEN YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART IN ORIENTEERING:

- ✔ Act as an ambassador for the sport of orienteering at all times. Consider how your actions may appear in the eyes of landowners or members of the public.
- ✔ Enter events in advance. Respect any limit that the club places on the number of entries – this is vital to enable the event to take place safely.
- ✔ Ensure you have read and fully understood any information or instructions provided by a club before you arrive at an event.
- ✔ Follow any requirements imposed by the organising club, either in advance or on the day of the event.
- ✔ Arrive at an event during the time window that you have been allocated by the organising club.
- ✔ Observe social distancing requirements at all times, including – but not only – when travelling to a course, when you arrive, while on the course, and when you leave.
- ✔ Minimise, as far as possible, contact with others from outside your household before, during and after orienteering. Keep your distance from other participants and members of the public. Do not congregate in groups at an event.
- ✔ Give way to other participants and members of the public on narrow paths and at gates or stiles and remind your child to do the same.
- ✔ Remind your child to move quickly away from controls after they have punched – not to stand next to a control looking at their map to work out their route to the next control. After finishing a course, they should move away from the finish, allow themselves to recover (e.g. by catching their breath and reducing their rate of perspiration), and then move swiftly through download and to your vehicle.
- ✔ Do anything that a club volunteer asks you to do – their request may be necessary to comply with rules put in place to enable the event to take place.
- ✔ Be patient, courteous and respectful of others at all times.
- ✔ Be mindful when taking photographs not to compromise yourself or someone else, especially when minors are involved.
- ✔ Be aware that there may be an official photographer or members of the public taking photographs.
- ✔ Use correct and proper language at all times.
- ✔ Support your child's involvement and help them enjoy their orienteering.
- ✔ Never force your child to take part in orienteering or to run a course for which they are not ready.
- ✔ Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- ✔ Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- ✔ Encourage 'Fair Play' in orienteering e.g. not complaining about the map, course planning, control placement; having respect for the countryside; not tampering with controls; not entering out of bounds areas etc.
- ✔ Pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- ✔ Ensure your child wears suitable clothes for training and competitions.

INDIVIDUALS SHOULD NOT ATTEND AN EVENT IF:

- ✔ They are unwell with any of the symptoms of COVID-19.
- ✔ They are required to be in quarantine.
- ✔ They are required to self-isolate.
- ✔ They have been advised to stay at home by a health professional.

We also advise competitors and parents who fit within the higher at-risk groups to take particular care and/or make decisions on attendance with due consideration to the risks associated with COVID-19.