



## **Code of Conduct for Masseurs, Physiotherapists and First Aiders**

### **As a responsible Masseur, Physiotherapist or First Aider you will:**

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every athlete and others involved in athletics
- Place the welfare and safety of the athlete above the development of performance
- Be appropriately qualified including obtaining DBS clearance, update your licence and education as and when required
- Work within the ethical and professional guidelines of your governing/regulating/qualifying body
- Act within the best interests of your patient, including referral to other professionals if necessary and do not offer or provide any treatment for which you are not appropriately qualified or trained
- Ensure you have parental consent before advising/assisting/treating athletes aged under 18 years
- Cooperate fully with others involved in the sport such as technical officials, team managers, coaches, doctors, physiotherapists, sport scientists and representatives of the governing body in the best interests of the athlete
- Consistently promote positive aspects of the sport such as fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited or age-inappropriate substances
- Never exert influence to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Act with dignity and display courtesy and good manners towards others
- Avoid swearing and abusive language and irresponsible behaviour including behaviour that is dangerous to yourself or others, acts of violence, bullying, harassment and physical and sexual abuse
- Challenge inappropriate behaviour and language by others
- Be aware that your attitude and behaviour directly affects the behaviour of athletes under your supervision
- Never engage in any inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- Never engage in destructive behaviour and leave athletics venues as you find them
- Not carry or consume alcohol and/or illegal substances
- Avoid carrying any items that could be dangerous to yourself or others excluding athletics equipment used in the course of your athletics activity
- Report any suspected misconduct by other coaches or other people involved in athletics to the Club, Regional, National or UKA welfare officer as soon as possible