

# Northern Territory Athletics



## Code of Conduct

Northern Territory Athletics and its affiliated clubs are committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all its members and is dedicated to providing a safe environment for participating and spectating in the sport of athletics. Northern Territory Athletics is an inclusive community activity, which aims to encourage and help foster the development of all Northern Territorians both young and old.

The aim of this code of conduct is to remind us all to live up to the traditional values of sport and the manner in which our sportsmen and women conduct themselves. All people have the right to participate in a safe and supportive environment, free from ill-tempered, disrespectful, over-zealous participants and spectators.

It is time to say NO MORE to inappropriate behaviours and link together as a collective, encouraging and supporting our community.

Where the following Code of Conduct is breached, the privilege of being a member of the Northern Territory Athletics Community may be withdrawn.

### Spectator Code of Conduct

1. Never argue with a coach or an official
2. Respect the Official's decision
  - If there is a disagreement follow up with the appropriate procedure
3. Never ridicule or yell at an athlete, coach or an official for making a mistake at any time
4. Never use violence, threats or abuse of any kind
5. Keep to designated spectator areas and do not encroach on the area, track or other competition sites in which you are not volunteering or officiating.
6. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour, by
  - a. Not harassing athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
  - b. Not smoking in designated areas
  - c. Not being intoxicated
7. Ensure that any physical contact with young people, or people opposite in gender, is appropriate to the situation and/or necessary for the athlete's skill development.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and self-worth of all athletes and officials, regardless of gender, ability, race or religion.
9. Do not bring the sport of Athletics into disrepute.

Penalties for Breaching the Code of Conduct at events, will be confined to the day of competition and determined by the Event Manager. Penalties that go beyond the day of competition shall be determined by the Northern Territory Athletics Board of Directors.