

Guidelines for Parents and Code of Conduct

Triathlon Ireland and its affiliated clubs believe that parents should: Be a role model for their children and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials, and organisers.

Always behave responsibly and do not seek to affect an athlete or the outcome of a race unfairly.

Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by flippant or sarcastic remarks.

Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of technical officials, coaches, or organisers. Respect professionals, coaches, organisers, and other athletes. Parents are welcome to attend events and coaching sessions but should not interfere with the coach while working with the athlete.

Encourage your child to play by the rules. Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning, and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.

Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides. Encourage mutual respect for teammates and opponents.

Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms.

Parents' Code of Conduct:

1. I will respect the rules and procedures set down by Triathlon Ireland.
2. I will respect my child's teammates, leaders, athletes, parents, and coaches from opposing teams. I will encourage my child to respect other participants, coaches, technical officials, and organisers.
3. I will encourage and applaud only positive accomplishments from my child, their teammates, opponents, or officials.
4. I will respect my child's leader(s) and support their efforts.
5. I will respect the officials and their authority during sessions and events within the organisation and under the auspice of Triathlon Ireland.
6. I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.