

Dear All,

As you know the Munster U/9 to U/12 Indoor Championships takes place on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th February in Nenagh Indoor Stadium. Due to the volume of participants & supporters that will be travelling to Nenagh over the weekend, we draw your attention to the following housekeeping points to ensure an enjoyable and safe Championships for everyone:-

- Please have respect for the stadium and its environs and adhere to all rules of the stadium. **CLUBS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE PROPER SUPERVISION OVER THEIR ATHLETES. CLUBS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE SHOULD ANY DAMAGE BE CAUSED BY THEIR ATHLETES TO STADIUM PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT OR THE STADIUM ITSELF.**
- **The Pole Vault area is closed to all athletes. The Shot Putt area is only available to athletes competing in the Shot in the U/11 and U/12 age groups. No other athletes should be in the Shot Putt area at any time. Clubs should ensure they have adequate supervision over their athletes and that only their authorized U/11 and U/12 Shot Putt athletes are permitted in these areas.**
- Please do not leave your personal belongings unattended.
- Please place all rubbish in the numerous bins provided around the stadium.
- In the past, there have been incidents of children spraying sports drinks on and around the track area which can damage the surface. Can Clubs please advise their athletes of same and discourage such behaviour.
- Coaches and parents are *not allowed* on the track at any time. This area is for Officials & competing athletes only. Please stay outside the perimeter fencing surrounding the competition area.
- Any parent or club official found on the track risk the possibility of their athlete and club being disqualified.
- Athletes are not permitted to carry or use electronic recording or transmission equipment (eg. Earphones, notebooks, tablets, I-Pods, smart phones etc) in the competition area. Note: The competition area starts at the assembly/call room.
- **Child Welfare Officers: Mary Meagher & Tim Fitzpatrick**
- **Track Referee: to be confirmed on the day over the PA system.**
- **Field Referee: to be confirmed on the day over the PA system.**
- Any person who intends taking photographs or video footage must sign in with the Munster Juvenile Secretary or her delegate at the Check-In Desk on each morning of competition.

PARKING:

- No Buses allowed to enter Nenagh Olympic A.C. (NOAC) Car Park. Once Buses have dropped passengers, they **MUST** park in the Railway Station. Car Parking is free for Buses on weekends.
- Cars only in NOAC Car Park. Ambulance area **MUST** be kept clear at **ALL TIMES** and Ambulance **MUST** have space to **EXIT**.
- Once NOAC Car Park is full, cars can park in nearby Church Car Park (beside the Hospital) or in Railway Station. Church grounds can be used all day Saturday and after 12 midday on Sunday.
- **NO PARKING** in neighbouring Ballygraigue Estate, on any green areas or in the vicinity of driveways.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation & wishing you all a successful & enjoyable weekend of athletics.

Competition Code of Conduct for Parents, Coaches & Mentors

Parents/Guardians should lead by example

- Adopt a positive attitude to their children's participation
- Respect officials' decisions and encourage children to do likewise
- Do not exert undue pressure on your child.
- Never admonish your own child or any other child for their performance
- Be realistic in their expectations
- Show approval for effort, not just results
- Never embarrass a child or use sarcastic remarks
- Applaud good performances from all children
- Do not criticise children's performances
- Do not seek to unfairly affect a result
- Do not enter the competition area unless specifically invited to do so by an Official in charge
- Never use foul language or provocative language/gestures to Officials
- Do not question an Officials decisions or integrity
- Encourage children to respect and accept the judgement of officials
- Promote Fair Play

Check the programme for the Referee/Children's Officers name – these are the people to speak to if you have a complaint. **The Munster Child Officers are Mary Meagher (female officer) & Tim Fitzpatrick (male officer).**

ANY BREACH OF THIS CODE MAY LEAD TO YOUR EXCLUSION FROM FUTURE EVENTS

Munster Athletics & Athletics Ireland is fully committed to providing a positive, fair & safe environment for our children and officials. Munster Athletics & Athletics Ireland acknowledge that without the commitment of our officials, who give freely and generously of their time, it would not be possible to provide competitive opportunities for your children. Officials have a duty to be impartial, fair & fully informed of competition rules & regulations. If you have any Child Safeguarding queries, please email childwelfare@athleticsireland.ie.



Club Apparel

All Munster Clubs should be aware of the protocol around competition apparel.

- Official club singlets must be worn in all Munster/National competitions. If club singlet is not available, a plain white vest or t-shirt is acceptable.
- National Apparel is to be worn only when representing Ireland at International Competition. No athlete should compete wearing Athletics Ireland shorts at a Munster/National Event.
- In general shorts should be single colour, not patterned. While a Nike/Adidas etc. logo is acceptable, multi-coloured or patterned shorts are not.
- Where possible shorts should complement the singlet, if in doubt black is always acceptable.



Permission for Use of Photographic/Film/Video Equipment

In line with the recommendation in Athletics Ireland's Code of Conduct, Munster Athletics request that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close-range photography should register their details with Anne Cullinane, the Munster Juvenile Secretary. It is not advisable that children are photographed or filmed without their permission and/or the permission of their parent/guardian.

