

Welland Valley Cycling Club / Welland Valley Whizz Kids

Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

Welland Valley Cycling Club believes that parents and carers should abide by a code of conduct. We believe that parents and carers of riders are also representing the club and at all times should therefore:

- Be a role model for children and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect the race or cycling session.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks or inappropriate language and never punish or abuse a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for their child. Remember, without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect and not publicly question the judgement or honesty of referees, coaches or organisers.
- Respect the referees, commissaries, coaches, organisers and other cyclists at all events.
- Accept the officials' judgments and teach children to do likewise.
- Take any racing complaints or objections to a commissarie or club official for appropriate action and never take matters into your own hands.
- Encourage children to play by the rules and teach them that honest endeavour and a good performance is as important as winning.
- Set a good example by encouraging and applauding good sportsmanship by all.
- Encourage mutual respect for team mates and fellow competitors.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Support my child's involvement and help him or her to enjoy their sport.
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not for the entertainment of parents or carers.
- Support all efforts to remove abusive or bullying behaviour in all its forms.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, disability, cultural background or religion.

Additionally Parents and carers should:

- Inform the coach of any specific health requirements or medical conditions of my child in advance of the coaching session
- Advise the coach if my child has to leave early or is being collected by someone other than a parent or carer, giving details of the arrangement including who will be collecting my child, when and at what time.