

## LAQ OFFICIALS - CODE OF CONDUCT

*Little Athletics requires the commitment of its Volunteer Officials to ensure children of all abilities can participate in athletic events, in a fair and safe environment, improve personal best performances and provide activities that promote Family, Fun & Fitness.*

As an Official assisting with the success of LAQ Championships/Carnivals, I hereby accept the responsibilities and duties listed below.

1. Be impartial! Also, be consistent, objective and courteous.
2. Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else. Be alert to minimise dangerous physical play, fair or foul, especially competition days.
3. Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
4. Avoid any form of verbal contact with coaches, team officials, parents and spectators during competition.
5. Handle any conflict of opinions, rule interpretations or disputes with fellow Officials on or off the field with discretion, being careful not to discredit any Official in a public arena.
6. Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest, both on and off the field.
7. Condemn all and every instance of unsportsmanlike, foul or unfair play.
8. Set a good example by the way you dress, speak and act towards athletes, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
9. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.
10. Officiate to the age and/or experience of the athletes.

I have read and fully understand the above responsibilities and duties as a LAQ Official. By returning the Expression of Interest to Officiate Form, I agree to abide by the Officials Code of Conduct.

### **SUITABILITY CARD DETAILS**

It is a requirement of LAQ that where required by law, all Officials must be holders of a current "Suitability Card" issued by the Commission for Children & Young People and abide by the Commissions rulings. Evidence must be provided and verified by a nominated LAQ representative prior to competition.