

## **Saugeen Track and Field Club - Code of Conduct**

All STFC members are required to accept the following Code of Conduct as a condition of participation. As a member of STFC, I understand that I represent Saugeen Track and Field Club and I will do nothing to bring discredit upon the club or myself.

### **At all times I have a responsibility to:**

- Demonstrate respect to individuals regardless of gender, ethnic or racial origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religion, political belief, disability or economic status.
- Demonstrate the spirit of sportsmanship, sports leadership and ethical conduct.
- Avoid public criticism of athletes, coaches, officials, organizers, volunteers, staff and members.
- Maintain and enhance the dignity and self-esteem of fellow athletes.
- Ensure the rules of the sport and spirit of such rules are adhered to.
- Work as a cooperative member of a team.
- Protect and promote the health and safety of myself and fellow athletes.

### **At no time will I:**

- Possess, steal, destroy, vandalize, or in any way endanger the safety or property of others.
- Possess or use illegal drugs or controlled substances, including tobacco products.
- Possess or use performance enhancing drugs or inappropriate methods
- Possess or use alcoholic beverages (excepting age of majority).
- Behave in any way that constitutes harassment, in either a verbal, physical or sexual manner.

### **When participating as an athlete on a STFC team, I also promise to:**

- Comply with any team rules, including nightly curfews, established by STFC or the coaching staff.
- Attend all team functions, including meetings, practices, meals, competitions and any other function designed by the team managers and/or coaches unless specifically excused by one of the above.
- Travel with the team unless other specific arrangements are made known and approved by the coaching staff.
- Compete in the events chosen by the coaching staff and attend all meet competition sessions as directed by the coaching staff.
- Comply with established uniform requirements.
- Maintain an open door when male and female athletes are in the same room.
- Abide by any additional guidelines established by the team manager or coaching staff to ensure the safety and well-being of team members.

**Disciplinary Action:**

Minor breaches of discipline will normally be dealt with by the coaching staff by discussing the problem with the athlete involved. I understand that failure to comply with the above may result in immediate dismissal from the team and return home at my own or my parent's expense. I further understand that additional sanctions may be imposed after a timely review by the STFC Executive.

I understand that disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to the following (listed in order of severity):

- Termination of participation in non-competitive team activities.
- Termination of participation in one or more competitive events.
- Dismissal from the team and return home at my own or parental expense.
- Denial of future STFC travel assistance.
- Disqualification from future travel teams.
- Denial of future membership in STFC

I understand that I may appeal any disciplinary action in accordance with the STFC Bylaws.

Athlete's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_