PARENT / GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

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For parents and legal guardians of Finch Coasters Junior Members

Parents and guardians are essential partners in keeping Junior Members safe and helping them have a positive experience at Finch Coasters. This Code sets out the standards expected when supporting a child who participates in Club activities.

As the parent or legal guardian of a Finch Coasters Junior Member, I agree to:

- Support my child to follow the Junior Member Code of Conduct and the reasonable instructions of Club volunteers.
- Provide accurate and up-to-date emergency contact, medical, allergy, medication, disability and welfare information relevant to safe participation.
- Inform the Club promptly of any change that may affect my child's safety or ability to participate.
- Ensure my child arrives on time, fit to participate and with suitable clothing, footwear and required safety equipment, including a head/body torch when mandated.
- Make appropriate arrangements for my child's arrival, departure and collection and not assume that a Club volunteer can provide supervision outside the agreed activity period.
- Treat volunteers, members, Junior Hosts, officials, other parents, children and members of the public with respect and avoid abusive, threatening, discriminatory or intimidating behaviour.
- Support a positive, inclusive environment and avoid placing inappropriate pressure on my child about performance, pace or competition.
- Raise concerns constructively through the appropriate Club route rather than confronting a child, another parent or volunteer in a way that could escalate a situation.

Safeguarding responsibilities

- I understand that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and will report any concern about the welfare of a child promptly to the Junior Welfare Officer or Club Welfare Officer.
- I will not investigate a safeguarding concern myself, question a child repeatedly, confront an alleged perpetrator or promise a child that information will be kept secret.
- I understand that the Club may need to share safeguarding information with UK Athletics, England Athletics, police, children's social care, the Local Authority Designated Officer or another statutory body where appropriate.
- I understand that the Club may take temporary protective measures while a concern is being considered.

Junior Hosts and run arrangements

Every Club Run attended by one or more Junior Members must have a designated LiRF-qualified Junior Hoster. If no LiRF-qualified Junior Hoster is present, Junior Members must not take part.

I understand that my child may only take part in sessions specifically approved for Junior Members and must meet the participation requirements set by the Committee.

I will respect decisions made by the run host or Junior Host to refuse or stop participation where there is a safety, welfare, equipment, weather, route or safeguarding concern.

I will make sure the Club knows who is responsible for my child at the end of the activity where a handover or collection arrangement is required.

Photography, social media and communication

I understand and support the Club rule that under-18 members must not be photographed or videoed in connection with Finch Coasters activities, even where I might otherwise be willing to consent.

I will not deliberately photograph or video Junior Members, including my own child where doing so would capture other Junior Members in connection with the Club activity.

I understand that my child may not join the closed Finch Coasters Members Facebook Group.

I will support the rule that my child must not privately contact adult Club members outside their family through social media or direct/private messaging.

I understand that adult members must not privately contact my child outside their family and will report any such contact to the Junior Welfare Officer or Club Welfare Officer.

I will use the approved parent/guardian or Club communication routes for matters concerning my child's membership and participation.

Club policies and conduct

I will familiarise myself with the Finch Coasters Junior Safeguarding Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Social Media Policy, Privacy Notice, Inclusion Policy, Grievance and Disciplinary Policy and any junior operating arrangements communicated by the Club. I understand that serious or repeated breaches of this Code may affect my child's participation where necessary to protect safety, welfare or the proper operation of the Club.

Parent/guardian name: _____

Junior Member name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____