



SAFEGUARDING & WELFARE POLICY

Royston Rockets BMX Club (RBMX) are a volunteer led organisation, and we are dedicated to promoting the safe participation in the sport of BMX racing in our local community and beyond. We encourage good behaviour and sporting respect from all riders, parents/carers and supporters at all times.

Royston Rockets BMX Club follow and adhere to the guidance laid out by British Cycling on all welfare and safeguarding matters and is actively engaged in the welfare and safeguarding of all its member families and riders. The Club Welfare Officers are the persons with primary responsibility for receiving, managing and reporting concerns arising about children or adults at risk. It is important to highlight however that safeguarding is the responsibility of all members.

If you have any concerns regarding the wellbeing or safety of any RBMX club member or the conduct of any riders or parents/carers whilst representing RBMX Club, please make contact in one of the following ways.

- Notify the club welfare officer, coach, or a committee member in person at a club session or event
- Email: welfare@roystonrockets.co.uk

IMPORTANT:

PLEASE READ THE CLUB'S CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

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Code of Conduct for Young People

As a member of the club, you are expected to abide by the following code.

I will:

- Arrive for training and competition in good time to prepare properly.
- Wear suitable kit (including a helmet) and clothing for all cycling activity sessions, as agreed with the coach.
- Warm up and cool down properly on all occasions.
- Play within the rules and respect officials and all their decisions.
- Be a good sport by applauding all good performances, whether they are made by my club or the opposition.
- Control my temper - verbal abuse of officials and other riders, or deliberately distracting/provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.
- Work equally hard for myself and my club - remember, the club's performance will benefit, and so will I
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, disability, cultural background or religion.
- Pay any fees promptly.
- Abide by the rule that junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or while representing the club at competitions.
- Abide by the rule that junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on club premises or while representing the club.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Treat all participants in cycling as I would like to be treated - not bullying or taking unfair advantage of another participant.

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- Cooperate with my coach, club mates and opponents - remember, without them there would be no competition.
- Remember that I represent the club at training sessions and events, so will not behave in any way that will have a negative impact on the club
- Thank officials and opponents after competition

Code Of Conduct For Parents/Carers

As a parent/carer of a member of the club, you are expected to abide by the following code.

I will:

- Inform the coach of any specific health requirements or medical conditions of my child in advance of the coaching session by completion of a club membership form or a parental consent form.
- Advise the coach if my child has to leave early or is being collected by someone other than a parent/carer, giving details of the arrangement including who will be collecting my child, when and at what time.
- Encourage my child to learn the rules and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help my child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
- Never punish or abuse a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgments and teach children to do likewise
- Support my child's involvement and help him/her to enjoy his/her sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.

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- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not mine.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, disability, cultural background, or
- Appreciation and respect for coaches, officials, and administrators.
Remember, without them, your child could not participate.
- Remember that my child represents the club at training sessions and events so neither they, or I will behave in any way that will have a negative impact on the club

Behaviour expectations

It is anticipated that all riders and families will align with the code of conduct (COC) and enjoy practice, training, and racing for RBMX club.

The club will not tolerate poor behaviour and that which impacts the welfare of other members and the reputation of RBMX club. This includes all club activities and facilities and where members are involved in regional, national, and international events.

All matters resulting from poor behaviour will be dealt with as sympathetically as possible, in confidence, and with the interests of the riders placed at the centre of any decision that might be taken. RBMX club reserves the right to revoke or terminate the memberships of riders and families from the club in the event of repeated and/or severe breaches of the COC. Incidents of concern may be shared with British cycling.

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Disciplinary Action

The RBMX club may take the following disciplinary action at any time for non-compliance to the code of conduct or bringing the club into disrepute.

1. Initially, a rider or parent/carer may be reminded of their acceptance of this Code of Conduct individually or in a group setting.
2. Subsequently the committee may issue an official warning to the rider and/or parent/carer in writing for non-compliance.
3. If a rider, parent/carer or family member repeatedly fails to comply with this Code of Conduct they will be asked not to attend any RBMX events and/or training and membership may be revoked or terminated by the committee.

In the event any threatening or violent behaviour being displayed to any other rider, parent/carer, club volunteer, or committee member then the police may be notified, and the club reserves the right to permanently ban that person from all club facilities and activities.

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