

Parents are vital to the development of young athletes. Whether sitting in the stands or helping out as a volunteer, parents must set a positive example. Parents, and adults involved in youth sports, should be models of good sportsmanship and lead by example on and off the playing field.

_____ 1. I will give constructive criticism during a private moment, never in front of other parents, participants, officials, spectators, etc. I will adhere to the following complaint hierarchy when addressing an issue: Head Coach-> Club Chair-> City Athletics Director.

_____ 2. I will respect the volunteerism of our club’s coaches and administration. I will acknowledge, through my respectful behavior, the commitment to my child that these people make by choosing to volunteer their time.

_____ 3. I will refrain from using profanity.

_____ 4. I will abide by doctor’s decision in all matters of players health and injuries, and physical ability to play.

_____ 5. I will not criticize an opposing team, its players, fans, coaches or team, by words or gestures.

_____ 6. I will support the coaches, players, and officials and help teach the value of commitment to the teams, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.

_____ 7. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participants, officials or any other attendee.

_____ 8. I will not use tobacco, alcohol or illegal narcotics in front of players or anywhere on the practice or competition facilities at any time.

_____ 9. I promise to set a respectful example by ensuring my child’s attendance at practice and games on time. I also acknowledge the importance of picking up my child on time at the end of practice.

_____ 10. I promise to make sure that my child has a reusable bottle of water or sports drink at every practice and acknowledge that my child will not be allowed to participate if they do not.

_____ 11. I acknowledge that if my child registers for a meet for which the club pays a fee and my child does not attend that meet, I will be penalized the \$10 deposit to the Florence Track Club. In addition, I acknowledge that from that point forward I will have to pay for all subsequent meet fees.

_____ 12. I promise to make sure that my child wears their Florence Track Club uniforms while competing at meets and that my child is present at the Florence Track Club team tent when their events are called during meets.

_____ 14. I acknowledge that I will be responsible for any travel costs, including but not limited to, lodging, meals, gas, airline tickets, train tickets, transportation costs, etc., incurred to attend all track meets. In its sole discretion, the Florence Track Club reserves the right to reimburse for reasonable and verified travel costs in certain pre-approved circumstances.

_____ 15. I acknowledge the Florence Track Club web site (www.florencetrackclub.com) is the primary source for information and it is my responsibility to review the site and then ask questions if further clarification is necessary.

_____ 16. I acknowledge that misbehavior by the athlete will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be determined by the Head Coach/Club Chair and discussed with the parent/guardian. Misbehavior may lead to temporary or permanent removal from a practice or event.

By registering my child or children with the City of Florence, SC for the Florence Track Club, I acknowledge that I agree to abide by this parental / guardian contract. Violations of this contract could lead to the removal of the parent or guardian, and/or child from any Florence Track Club practice or event for a temporary or permanent basis.

Athlete name(s)

Parent Signature/Date