## **PPYCC** Parents and carers code of conduct

We pride ourselves on being a friendly, supportive and welcoming club and strive to create a safe, positive and enjoyable environment for all young cyclists and their families.

# Support and Encouragement:

Positively support your child's involvement in cycling and help them enjoy it!

#### Only coaches are permitted inside the velodrome:

Parents and carers are not allowed onto the track unless invited by a coach, but we love you staying to watch your kids from the viewing area outside the track.

#### **Respect and Positive Communication:**

Ensure you know and adhere to the regulations and guidance issued by British Cycling. Use respectful language and show appreciation for club members, officials, volunteers, and coaches. We love spectators, but please leave the coaching to the coaches during PPYCC session.

#### Focus on Enjoyment:

Remember that children participate for their own enjoyment, not for parental ambition or pressure. Encourage *all* participants and applaud effort as well as success!

#### Volunteer:

As a club we are run entirely by volunteers, we really encourage everyone to get involved, from helping time laps, or volunteering at events, to learning to coach. All regular volunteers complete a DBS check.

#### Safe Environment:

You are responsible for ensuring your child wears a helmet, that their bike is in a safe condition, and for communicating any medical conditions or concerns to the coach. If you need help with your child's bike ask a coach who'll be happy to assist.

## **Reporting Concerns:**

Please report any concerns regarding your child's welfare or the behaviour of others to the club's Welfare Officer. The Welfare Officer at PPYCC is Laura Evans. You can also report a concern to <u>compliance@britishcycling.org.uk</u> if you don't feel you can talk to the club volunteers.

## **Parental and Carers Consent:**

For certain activities, especially those involving overnight stays or road rides, written parental consent may be required.

# **Understanding and Responsibility:**

Parents and carers need to understand the nature of the events their child participates in, including the inherent risks involved.

## **Respect for Others:**

Please respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all participants and ensure no-one is discriminated upon based on a protected characteristic. Please also be respectful of other members of the public who use Preston Park.

## No Pushy or Abusive Behaviour:

Please do not criticise participants when they make mistakes. Parents should not engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive behaviour or language.

## WhatsApp Group:

Please ensure that only helpful and supportive messages are shared on the WhatsApp group and remember that text is very open to interpretation, if you're unsure, give the most generous interpretation.