



Camberley & District Athletic Club

Founded March 1954. Affiliated to UKA, EA, SEAA, SCAA & SPFA

Policy for transporting a child or young adult

Introduction

Camberley & District Athletic Club recognises that issues can arise when transporting children to and from sporting events. The club could not operate without the good will of volunteers and parents/carers ensuring that children are transported to and returned home from events in a private car.

Camberley & District Athletic Club place full responsibilities on parents/carers for ensuring appropriate transport arrangements are made. Where parents/carers transport their own children, or make private arrangements with other parents/carers to deliver or collect their children, they are responsible for their children's safety and for the suitability of any travel arrangements.

However, where the club or coach has been requested to organise transportation of young member/s on the clubs behalf, the organiser has a responsibility to take reasonable steps to the safeguard young member/s for whom they have a duty of care.

Key Considerations

The club encourages coaches or other volunteers not to take children on journeys alone in their car but the club recognises that in exceptional circumstances when all other avenues have been exhausted a coach/official/club representative may be required to transport a child alone to enable the child's participation in an event.

Safety measures to minimise risk:

- Best practice is to avoid transporting a child alone.
- Ensure Coach/Official/club representative has current DBS check.
- Parents/carers are informed of transport arrangements including the person transporting the child, journey time, destination, and return point.
- A person other than planned driver should talk to child about transport arrangements to check they are comfortable with plan.
- The driver representing the club must have valid car insurance, MOT and driving license.
- The driver should have a point of contact and mobile phone should they break down, for emergencies and timing changes.
- The driver must ensure the child has an appropriate child restraint or seat belt when travelling in designated car.