

Before your club membership can be completed we require all applicants to read the code of conduct below and tick the box to say they understand and will adhere to the code. Membership to Bournemouth BMX Club can only be completed when you have agreed. As a volunteer organisation we are dedicated to promoting the sport of BMX racing. We encourage good behaviour and sporting respect from all riders, parents and supporters at all times.

Bournemouth BMX Club reserves the right to withdraw a rider from an event if the rider, parent or associate is found to have behaved in contravention of the following code of conduct (Should it be necessary we will also notify British Cycling of any incidents).

In particular all riders must observe these rules and follow all instructions given to them by any Commissaire or official at any time during the course of any training, club, regional or national events at Bournemouth BMX Club. All parents of younger riders are expected to educate what is acceptable behaviour to them and lead them by example.

1. All members, riders, parents and officials must conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect the ideals of good sportsmanship.
2. Bournemouth BMX Club will not tolerate bullying of any kind be it physical, verbal or via social media platforms, email or any other form of communication.
3. The use of obscene or foul language is forbidden.
4. All views, opinions and decisions must be expressed without contempt to others.

5. Never bring him or herself or the sport of BMX racing into disrepute in or out of the club.
6. Riders will also be held accountable for the actions of their parents and any other persons in their company at a BMX competition or event.
7. All riders are expected to adhere to any specific rules set out by organisers of events held at the Bournemouth BMX track such as regional or national events.
8. All riders are expected to show courtesy to any committee members, volunteers or event officials and always adhere to any requests or direction without argument.
9. FEEs: All riders or parents taking part in club activities are expected to pay any fees before taking part in the club activity unless a prior arrangement has been made. Failure to pay requested fees will result in the rider being asked to discontinue their involvement of that activity until they have paid. If necessary repeated nonpayers will not be allowed to attend these events.

### Disciplinary action that can be taken at any time for not adhering to the code of conduct.

- Initially a rider/parent may simply be reminded of their acceptance of the code.
- Subsequently an official warning for breaking any of the code of conduct above may be issued in writing by the committee.
- If a rider and/or parent continues to break the code of conduct they will be asked not to attend any official Bournemouth BMX events or training and their membership revoked until the matter is resolved by the committee.
- If any threatening or violent behaviour is displayed to any other rider/parent, volunteer or committee member then the police will be notified and the club reserves the right to permanently ban that person from all club activities permanently.
- Any concerns or issues regarding the conduct or behaviour of any riders or parents to be brought to the attention of the club welfare officers so any incidents can be dealt with through the correct channels and procedures.

### Declaration

I understand that the club, its servants or agents are not under any liability whatsoever for the loss of property, accidents or injuries to me / him / her, however caused.

Your details will be held on a permanent basis on our exclusion registration at BOURNEMOUTH BMX CLUB, in accordance with the data protection act. The information will be held in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998. For further information about how we take care of and use your information please ask for a copy of the Council's Leaflet "Access to your personal information".

Bournemouth BMX Club operates the Child Protection policy as laid out by the British Cycling Federation. Copies of this are available from the Chairman or BCF direct.

Note: A parent or guardian must undersign this form, if the applicant is under 16.

## Parental Consent for children under the age of 18 participating in coaching activities in a traffic-free environment:

I, being the parent/guardian, have read the information on this form and the following notes, and consent to my child taking part in the coaching sessions conducted in a traffic-free environment. I understand and agree that my son/daughter participates in coaching sessions under the instruction of British Cycling coaches entirely at his/her own risk. I have considered the nature of such sessions and have discussed them with my son/daughter.

I am satisfied that my son/daughter is sufficiently responsible and competent to assume full and entire responsibility for his/her own safety under the supervision of a British Cycling coach.

### Declaration

You are giving consent for your child to participate in coaching sessions conducted in a traffic-free environment (eg not on the public highway). However, you should note that in some instances it might be necessary for the coach to move riders from one location to another, which may require limited use of the public highway. In these instances the riders will be under the direct supervision of the coach and it will not be part of a coaching activity. No coaching activities will be conducted on the public highway.

It is part of the British Cycling Code of Conduct to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to establish a safe environment where young riders can enjoy developing their cycling skills. All children aged 12 and under must be accompanied at all times by a parent/carer or nominated responsible adult.

Young riders are expected to remain in the session from beginning to end, unless they have to leave early. If the rider has to leave early, or is being collected by someone other than the parent/guardian, the parent/guardian must advise the coach of the details of the arrangement, including who will be collecting the rider.

Please ensure you make a note of any medical conditions your child has/you feel the coach should know. If you have any concerns about your child participating in any form of physical activity, please consult your GP before giving permission for your child to take part in the coaching sessions.

Bournemouth BMX Club follows British Cycling's concussion protocol which can be found [HERE](#). The message is simple: ***if in doubt, sit them out.***

**NOW LET'S RIDE!**

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