Facility Etiquette: Quick Guide

BRAC Athletics Facility, Cnr Howitt Street and Creswick Road, Wendouree | For all users

Everyone using this facility helps keep it safe, welcoming, and well-maintained. This guide outlines key rules aligned with policies of **Australian Athletics, Athletics Victoria, and Athletics Ballarat**, which apply in full.

1. Respect and behaviour

- Treat everyone with **dignity,** act honestly and look out for the safety and welfare of others
- **No** abuse, bullying, harassment, discrimination, or vilification in person or online.
- **No** BYO alcohol or illegal drugs at or near the venue.
- **No** offensive social media posts about athletes, clubs, spectators, coaches, volunteers or officials.
- **Coaches:** maintain current accreditation and professional boundaries.
- **Athletes:** anti-doping obligations apply.
- **Spectators/Parents:** encourage positively, stay off the field of play, and address concerns privately.

2. Child safety and photography

- Coaches, officials, and volunteers must maintain a valid **WWC Check** (or exemption) and follow the Safeguarding Children policy.
- **No cameras** or photography in change rooms, showers, or toilets.
- **Approved persons** may photograph/film their own child within the field of play.

3. Safe use of the BRAC Athletics Facility

- Refer to facility fact sheets for specific safety procedures.
- **Prohibited inside:** dogs, bikes, scooters, motorized devices, and smoking. Footwear restricted to flat shoes, studded boots, or spikes under 7mm (track) / 9mm (field).
- The **concourse** is for pedestrians only (no running/race walking; use external warm-up areas).
- Enter the track via **entry gates** only and look both ways before crossing the track.
- Field athletes must not retrieve their **implement** until **safe** to do so.
- Do not enter the **infield** while field events and/or training is underway.
- Run **anti-clockwise** on the track.

4. Track, field and equipment care

- All users are required to **respect the facility and its equipment.**
- Use jump and throw areas for intended purposes only; leave them clean and maintained (e.g., raked pits).
- **Return** equipment after use, **report** damage immediately, and take all rubbish.
- Public track usage: lanes 4-5 (circular work) and lanes 6-10 (sprinting). **Lanes 1-3 are closed** to the public.

5. Safety and emergencies

- In an emergency, or if someone is in danger, call **000**.
- Assess severe weather conditions (heat, wind, lightning) before facility use.
- First aid equipment and AED are available; refer to event maps and emergency plans during incidents.

CODES AND POLICIES

Australian Athletics	Athletics Victoria	Athletics Ballarat
Code of Conduct	Child Safety	Social Media Policy
Member Protection Policy	Parent and Spectators Code of Conduct	
Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy		

REPORTING A CONCERN

If you have a concern about	Contact	Details
Abuse, harassment, bullying or a breach of the Code of Conduct	Venue Manager (non-competition) Athletics Victoria (AVSL)	Refer to policies above
Child safeguarding, discrimination or doping	Sport Integrity Australia	1300 027 232 (anonymous reports via Sport Integrity app)
Wanting to talk it through	1800 Safe Sport	1800 161 361
Facility issues, access or bookings	Athletics Ballarat	info@athleticsballarat.com.au | 0421 180 093