



Risk Warning

(under Section 5M of Civil Liability Act 2002)

on behalf of UTS Northern Suburbs Athletic Club, Inc. and Club coaches

Athletics activities at Rotary Athletics Field

UTS Northern Suburbs Athletic Club, Inc. (**UTS Norths**) arranges for permission to use Rotary Athletics Field including the gym and some storage and provides equipment for athletic activities during the course of a year. Participants in these activities take part in **training and in competitions at their risk**. **Club coaches** are permitted to organise their own athletic activities during this Club access, for which **they are responsible (not the Club)**. Participants might also choose to use their equipment, coaches' equipment or nearby trails as part of their training.

UTS Norths and Club coaches expect **participants to take responsibility for their own safety** by wearing or using equipment appropriate for their age and ability, by thinking carefully about the safe use of equipment, Rotary Athletic Field and its amenities, by following Club rules and by behaving in a safe, courteous and responsible manner towards other athletes, spectators, officials, property and grounds.

UTS Norths and Club coaches also expect parents, spectators and other visitors to behave in a safe, courteous and responsible manner.

While UTS Norths and Club coaches take measures to make those athletics activities as safe as reasonably possible for participants and other visitors within available resources, **there is a risk that participants can be injured and suffer loss** (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in or exposure to these activities, whether at training, in competition or around those times. Parents, spectators, officials and other visitors could also be injured or suffer loss.

Such injury can occur while the person is engaging in or watching the athletics activities, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a participant's actions, the actions of others, and the state of the premises, congestion or normal use of equipment or equipment failure.

In particular, injury during the athletics activities may result from slipping, falling, collisions with equipment or other participants, thrown equipment, jumping, track spike injury, dropped gym or sports equipment, exposure to sun and other weather-related hazards, dehydration or being inadequately trained or prepared for the event. The injuries or loss might also be caused by errors of judgment in Club officers, officials, coaches or visitors.

On some occasions, **an injury can be serious** (such as sprained or torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion, broken bones or wounds). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability.

If a participant has a **pre-existing injury or ailment**, then participating in athletic activities could exacerbate that. **Participants are responsible for their own health screening** before starting athletic activities and for health care treatment of any injury or ailment.

First aid and other medical service during Club access to Rotary Athletic Field might be limited or unavailable.

Participants could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.