

# Westport Athletics Club

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## Horkan's Hill Drop-Off & Pick-Up Policy

### **1. Purpose**

Westport Athletics Club is committed to ensuring the safety of all athletes and maintaining a positive relationship with residents in the Horkan's Hill area. As Horkan's Hill is a busy residential area with extremely limited parking and restricted turning space, vehicle access to the track creates significant safety risks for children, traffic congestion, and disruption to residents. For these reasons, the following policy is in place.

### **2. Designated Drop-Off & Pick-Up Location**

All parents and guardians must park at Scoil Phádraig or in the town centre and walk athletes to and from the track. Under no circumstances should parents or guardians drive up Horkan's Hill for drop-off or pick-up purposes. This policy applies to all training sessions, competitions, and club activities unless otherwise directed by the committee.

### **3. Safety First**

The safety of our athletes is our primary concern. Allowing children to exit vehicles on Horkan's Hill presents serious safety hazards due to the narrow roadway, limited visibility, lack of safe turning areas, and increased traffic movement during training times. Walking athletes from Scoil Phádraig ensures a safer, more controlled arrival and departure environment.

### **4. Compliance**

Parents and guardians are permitted to drop off and collect their child only by parking at Scoil Phádraig or in the town centre and walking to the track. Any parent or guardian observed driving up Horkan's Hill for drop-off or pick-up will be asked to return to Scoil Phádraig and comply with the designated parking and walking arrangement before their child may participate. The Club Committee reserves the right to address repeated non-compliance in order to protect the safety of athletes and maintain good community relations.

### **5. Respect for Residents**

Westport Athletics Club values the support and goodwill of the local community. Compliance with this policy helps reduce disruption to residents, maintain safe access for emergency services, and preserve positive community relations.

### **6. Implementation**

This policy is effective immediately and will be communicated to all members. The cooperation of all parents and guardians is essential in ensuring the continued safe operation of training at Horkan's Hill.

Westport Athletics Club Committee

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