



GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR

Spectator Conduct Policy for Clubs

Definition

It is a requirement of all Clubs affiliated with Basketball Ontario to assume responsibility for the conduct of all athletes, coaches and spectators under their jurisdiction.

- Violation of the Guidelines for Behaviour of Coaches and Athletes will be dealt with under the Fair Play Policy.
- With respect to the enforcement of the Conduct Policy for Spectators, we need your help and co-operation.

Procedure

The following procedures should be applied:

1. Should team spectators violate these Guidelines, a member of the Game or Tournament Management Committee or a Basketball Ontario representative will approach the group and advise that its behaviour is not acceptable.
2. Should the behaviour continue, the Basketball Ontario representative will approach the Coach, or an executive member of the Coach's Club, if present, and ask for their co-operation in dealing with the situation.
3. If the Coach neglects to provide assistance, and/or should the behaviour persist, the Basketball Ontario representative will then bring the situation to the attention of the Game Official(s) and any or all of the following penalties may be invoked in the unfettered discretion of the Game Official(s): a technical foul, suspension of play, or spectator ejection from the gymnasium.



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Parents' Behaviour Guidelines

Definition

A parent is anyone who is the legal guardian of an athlete (any child or youth who participates in a sport). Children learn best through example and parents are their most influential role models.

A parent should always demonstrate a fair play, supportive attitude with all participants including opposing players and parents, officials and other spectators.

Goal Statement

Any parent participating in, or watching, a Basketball Ontario sanctioned event will be expected to adhere to the following Guidelines for Behaviour.

Actions

- Remember that children and youth participate in sport for their enjoyment, not your own.
- Encourage children and youth to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on their efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children and youth to always play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child or youth for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children and youth learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children and youth to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of his or her race, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, family status or physical appearance.