

CRICKET ONTARIO

Conduct Policy for Spectators

Definition

Anyone watching a particular Cricket Ontario athletic activity or event whether sitting or standing is considered a spectator. A spectator may be a parent, a relative, friend, teammate, opposing player, administrator or coach or Manager of the team not directly involved in the game. Spectators are an important part of any athletic activity; however, they are not essential. Spectators should never influence the outcome of an event and must never pose a distraction to players, other spectators, Officials, score keepers and the umpires.

Goal Statement

Any spectator watching a Cricket Ontario sanctioned event will be expected to respect and adhere to the Spectator Conduct Policy.

Actions

In addition to the responsibilities of this Cricket Ontario Code of Conduct, spectators of athletes and spectators at events will:

- Support the game of Cricket.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence, Stress the importance of participation, sportsmanship and spirit of the game
- Avoid spectator-imposed pressures on young players to win.
- Be supportive of the players, team, coach, manager, opponents and officials.
- Respect the decisions and judgments of officials and encourage players to do the same.
- Maintain a supportive, constructive atmosphere conducive to the players' personal development.
- Refrain from negative communications with players, coaches, the scorers' or umpires.
- At no time should spectators go on to the playing field or approach the team dressing room or team bench area. This includes the time when the players enter the field for warm up until the time when the players leave the field at the end of the match.

Parents shall:

- Encourage the player to play within the rules and respect coaches, officials' and administrator and their decisions
- Remember that player learn best by example so applaud good plays/performances of all players.
- Give positive comments that motivate and encourage and support continued efforts and performance
- Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event
- Help when asked by a coach or official
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

Parents shall not:

- Pressure the player in any way
- Arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at program venue.
- Use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- Criticize or ridicule player's performance after the activity.

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