



Fair Play Policy Statement

The cornerstone of Ontario Basketball's Fair Play Policy is a statement of Fair Play. It is distributed to all Ontario Basketball sanctioned programs and services through the use of large posters in facilities, the distribution of pamphlets to athletes and coaches and the implementation of the Fair Play Policy & Procedures.

WELCOME TO FAIR PLAY

ENJOY THE SPORT AND THE COMPETITION.

CHEER AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.

VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE OF FELLOW PLAYERS, SPECTATORS, COACHES OR OFFICIALS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

WE ARE ALL HERE TO HAVE FUN AND ENJOY OURSELVES.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE FUN OUT OF SPORTS FOR OTHERS.

IF YOU DISREGARD OUR POLICY, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE OUR FAIR PLAY FACILITY.

GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR

Athletes' Behaviour Guidelines

Definition

Anyone who participates in an athletic activity is considered an athlete. It is expected that each athlete will compete to the best of his or her abilities at all times, keeping in mind the spirit of competition and of the game.

Goal Statement

Any athlete participating in Basketball Ontario sanctioned events will be expected to adhere to Basketball Ontario's principles of Fair Play and the Athletes' Guidelines for Behaviour.

Actions

Always model mature behaviour consistent with that of Basketball Ontario's Guidelines for Behaviour.

- **FAIR PLAY** is an athlete's first priority.
- Participate for the love and enjoyment of the game.
- Respect the efforts and accomplishments of your teammates and your opponents.
- Respect officials, coaches, spectators and event organizers.
- Respect the facility you visit or in which you play.
- Respect the rules of the game.



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Spectators' Behaviour Guidelines

Definition

Anyone watching a particular 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 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, timers, score keepers and referees.

Goal Statement

Any spectator watching a Basketball Ontario sanctioned event will be expected to adhere to the following Guidelines for Behaviour.

Actions

Always model mature behaviour consistent with that of Basketball Ontario's Guidelines for Behaviour.

- Support the game of basketball!
- Stress the importance of **participation**.
- Avoid spectator-imposed pressures to win.
- Be **supportive** of the athlete, team, coach, opponents and officials.
- Maintain a supportive, constructive atmosphere conducive to personal development.
- Refrain from negative communications with players, coaches, the scorers' table or game officials.
- Remain in the spectators' section, and refrain from entering the playing area at any time.