



GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR

Spectators' Behavioural 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 or referees.

Goal Statement

Anyone in an audience 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 communication with players, coaches, the scorers' table or game officials.
- Remain in the spectators' section, and refrain from entering the playing area at any time.