

Sample code of conduct for spectators

Created by the CPSU for use by sports organisations. Please feel free to use this example as a basis for your own codes of conduct.

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Your responsibilities

As a spectator watching children at our club or activity, we'd like you to:

- enjoy the activity
- support those taking part
- be respectful of everyone participating – this includes coaches, staff, volunteers, officials, young people, parents and other teams and their staff
- tell an appropriate person if you have any safeguarding concerns about the activity
- check and comply with our policies and procedures, such as our:
 - photography and filming policy
 - online safety and social media policy
- most of all, remember that children and young people play sports for fun and enjoyment!

What we expect

- behave positively without aggression or violence, either verbally or physically – set a good example for others
- encourage everyone involved
- respect and accept the officials' judgment – do not enter the field of play
- use social media and apps responsibly when communicating on our channels, in line with our organisation's policies and procedures
- follow our photography and filming policy when taking photos and videos
- embrace sporting behaviour
- report discriminatory behaviour immediately to the appropriate person at the activity
- be supportive even if someone has made a mistake
- acknowledge fair play by all involved
- treat everyone fairly and sensitively regardless of their age, ability, gender, race, cultural background, sexual orientation or religious beliefs
- let the coach do their job – do not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- work together to create a positive and welcoming environment, where everyone feels confident in reporting and challenging poor conduct
- respect our facilities and equipment, and dispose of rubbish appropriately

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Our promise to you

As a spectator, we understand you have the right to:

- feel safe
- enjoy your experience with us
- feel welcomed and included
- know who to speak to if you have a concern

Consequences

We expect all spectators to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any spectator behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we will address this.

Remember: we want you to enjoy your experience, but breaches of this code may lead to you being asked to leave an activity or result in permanent suspension

from a club, event or activity, which is not what we want to do.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in spectators being asked not to attend games or activities if their attendance is considered a risk to our young participants, staff, volunteers or parents, and has an impact on others' enjoyment.

Feel worried or have a concern?

- Is the child at risk of immediate harm? **Call 999.**
- Otherwise, call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or your local children's social care team.

