

VM Spectators Behavioral Code of Conduct

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, and officials.

Goal Statement

Anyone in an audience watching Volleyball Manitoba sanctioned event will be expected to adhere to the following Guidelines for Behavior.

Actions

Always model mature behavior consistent with that of the Volleyball Manitoba Guidelines for Behavior ("Guidelines") which is set out below:

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials;
- Applaud good performance and effort from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome;
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together;
- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents;
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive;
- Help provide a safe and fun environment;
- Support the officials and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity;
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- Be supportive after the game – win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Consequences

Spectators who do not comply with the Guidelines may be asked to refrain from their current behavior that contravenes the Guidelines and to conform accordingly. If the spectator continues to contravene the Guidelines, site or game officials/staff conveners may request the offending spectator to leave the area. If the offending spectator does not leave in a timely fashion, site or game officials have the right to suspend play. All requests for spectator removals shall be reported to Volleyball Manitoba by a site/game official.

The Guidelines have been established for the safety and enjoyment of all those individuals participating in Volleyball Manitoba events. Volleyball Manitoba appreciates your respect and cooperation.