

Spectators and Parents Code of Behaviour

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Purpose

This policy outlines the expected standards of behaviour for spectators and parents involved in SA Country Basketball activities. It aims to promote a safe, fair, and inclusive environment for all participants.

This Applies to

All spectators and parents attending SA Country Basketball sanctioned activities, events, and operations.

Policy Statement

SA Country Basketball is committed to fostering a respectful and supportive atmosphere at all basketball events. Spectators and parents play a crucial role in setting a positive example and are expected to adhere to the following code of behaviour.

Key Principles

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate; do not force them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than the outcome.
- Recognise and applaud good performance and efforts from all teams.
- Encourage children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without hostility or violence.
- Teach children to respect officials' decisions and follow the rules; avoid showing dissent yourself.
- Never ridicule or raise your voice at a child for making a mistake; provide positive comments and encouragement.
- Refrain from instructing players during games; this is the coach's role.
- Learn the rules of the game and respective competition by-laws to better support players, coaches, and officials.
- Discourage the use of violence, aggressive play, and the abuse or harassment of players, coaches, or officials.
- Show respect for your team's opponents; without them, there would be no game.
- Avoid using profanity or harassing players, coaches, or officials.

- Respect the rights and dignity of all participants, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ability, cultural background, or religion.
 - Always act in accordance with SA Country Basketball's policies and procedures, including the Member Protection and Social Media Policies.
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Breaches of Policy

Any person breaching this code may face disciplinary action, which could include removal from the competition venue or, if warranted, referral to a Tribunal Hearing.

Support

For guidance or to report concerns related to spectator and parent behaviour, please contact the SA Country Basketball office.

Review

This policy will be reviewed biennially or sooner if required due to legislative or organisational changes.