



Snowboard Ontario
Code of Conduct – Parents and Spectators
Approved by the SO BOD March 30th 2018

PURPOSE

This Code of Conduct identifies the standard of behaviour which is expected of all Snowboard Ontario Members, including athletes, coaches, parents, directors, volunteers, staff, chaperones and others.

Spectators, including parents and coaches, are an integral part of Snowboard Ontario events. Our Snowboard Ontario event staff and volunteers work very diligently to ensure the best possible experience for both competitors and spectators at our events. While our goal is to maximize the spectator experience, we must also ensure that the integrity of the competition is preserved at all times. The following parent and spectator guidelines have been developed to ensure everyone's safety and to preserve the authenticity and integrity of our events. In any case, spectators should not take any action deemed detrimental to the athlete environment and/or experience.

APPLICATION & GUIDELINES

Snowboard Ontario is committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect.

Anyone watching a particular athletic activity or event 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 athletes, other spectators and officials.

Any spectator watching a Snowboard Ontario sanctioned event will be expected to respect and adhere to the Spectator Conduct Policy.

Spectators of athletes and spectators at events will:

- I. Support the sport snowboarding
- II. Conduct themselves at all times in a fair and responsible manner
- III. Encourage athletes to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- IV. Stress the importance of participation
- V. Avoid spectator-imposed pressures to win
- VI. Be supportive of the athlete, team, coach, opponents and officials
- VII. Respect the decisions and judgments of officials and encourage athletes to do the same
- VIII. Maintain a supportive, constructive atmosphere conducive to the athletes' personal development
- IX. Refrain from negative communications with players, coaches and officials which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist
- X. Behaviour which constitutes harassment, abuse, bullying or cyber-bullying will not be tolerated by Snowboard Ontario
- XI. At no time should spectators go inside the field of play. This includes the time when the athletes are in the start or finish corral of the event



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XII. Adhere to event host Resort/Club policies

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM SNOWBOARD ONTARIO

1. Professionally-run events
2. Friendly, courteous staff and volunteers
3. Certified Officials at all events
4. Strict enforcement of Code of Conduct
5. Positive competitive experience

We welcome any and all letters of suggestion to Snowboard Ontario that will help us make our events better for all involved.