

Ringette BC is committed to providing its members with a safe and positive environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. The essential elements of character building and ethics in Ringette are embodied in the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

All Spectators are expected to conduct themselves appropriately, and in a fair and responsible manner at all times.

As a spectator of Ringette, I will:

- Ⓞ I will remember that the game is for fun and the game is for the players.
- Ⓞ I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy and positive support to all players, coaches, officials and spectators at all games and practices.
- Ⓞ I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting: refusing to shake hands: or using profane language or gestures.
- Ⓞ I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and mental wellbeing of the athletes.
- Ⓞ I will ensure my child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, color, sex or ability.
- Ⓞ I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other players for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Ⓞ I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire I have for my child to win.
- Ⓞ I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches during or immediately following a game.
- Ⓞ I will arrange through the team manager for a meeting with the coach(s) at an agreed upon time and place. All major disputes will be given a 24 hour cool down period.
- Ⓞ I will ensure a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs and alcohol and I will refrain from the use of them at all events.

Individuals who display poor sportsmanship, including, but not limited to, inappropriate behavior directed at the officials, coaches, players or other fans, are subject to disciplinary action. Any misconduct of the nature mentioned above will be addressed. Spectators who are displaying poor sportsmanship or exhibiting behaviour that is counter to the above noted code of conduct may be asked to leave the competition venue by the Host tournament Committee.

**From Ringette Canada – Parents/Guardians of Ringette Canada Members, and spectators, at events will:**

- a. Encourage athletes to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence;
- b. Never ridicule a participant for making a mistake during a performance or practice;
- c. Provide positive comments that motivate and encourage participants continued effort;
- d. Respect the decisions and judgements of officials, and encourage athletes to do the same;
- e. Never question an officials' or Ringette Canada staffs' judgement or honesty;
- f. Respect and show appreciation to all competitors, and to the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to the sport
- g. Keep off of the playing area, do not interfere with play