



Ontario Basketball and Port Colborne Youth Basketball Code of Conduct

Purpose The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure a safe and positive environment by instituting a Zero Tolerance Policy. Ontario Basketball (OBA) and Port Colborne Youth Basketball are committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. All Individuals will be aware that there is an expectation, at all times, of appropriate behavior consistent with the values of the OBA and PCYB. Conduct that violates this Code may be subject to disciplinary action enforced by PCYB or the OBA's Discipline and Fair Play committees.

Conduct Policy for Athletes

Definition Anyone who participates in an athletic activity, including but not limited to practices, games and tournaments, is considered an athlete.

Goal Statement Any athlete participating in Ontario Basketball sanctioned events will be expected to adhere to Ontario Basketball principles of Fair Play and the Conduct Policy for Athletes.

Actions Athletes will always model mature behaviour consistent with that of Ontario Basketball guidelines. In addition to the responsibilities of the Code of Conduct, athletes of OBA and PCYB will:
Adhere to all Fair Play principles.

- Participate to one's best abilities in all competitions, practices, training sessions, events, or activities.
- Properly represent oneself and not attempt to enter a competition for which one is not eligible, by reason of age, classification, or other reason.
- Participate for the love and enjoyment of the game.
- Respect the efforts and accomplishments of your teammates and your opponents.
- Respect officials, coaches, spectators and event organizers.
- Respect the facility you visit or in which you play.
- Respect the rules of the game.

Conduct Policy for Spectators

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, timers, score keepers and referees.

Goal Statement

Any spectator watching an OBA or PCYB event will be expected to respect and adhere to the Spectator Conduct Policy.

Actions In addition to the responsibilities of this OBA Code of Conduct, spectators of athletes and spectators at events will:

- Support the game of basketball.
- Encourage athletes to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- Stress the importance of participation.
- Avoid spectator-imposed pressures to win.
- Be supportive of the athlete, team, coach, opponents and officials.
- Respect the decisions and judgments of officials and encourage athletes to do the same.
- Maintain a supportive, constructive atmosphere conducive to the athletes' personal development.
- Refrain from negative communications with players, coaches, the scorers' table or game officials.

At no time should spectators go on to the basketball court or approach the team bench area. This includes the time when the players enter the court for warm up until the time when the players leave the court at the end of the game.

Actions / consequences for violation of the code of conduct can be reviewed online at <https://basketball.on.ca/about-us/policies-and-procedures/fair-play-policy-schedules-a-b/>