



## **SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

Ringette Ontario is committed to ensuring that all athletes have the opportunity to participate in a safe and enjoyable environment that is encouraging to all, enabling athletes to achieve personal best performances, and promoting overall development of our sport. We have strong values of fair play, integrity, mutual respect, safety, graciousness, and sportsmanship. Spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which supports the values of our organization and encourages the development of all athletes on and off the competition area. RO has a zero tolerance for any offensive behaviour and any violations against the code of conduct may result in removal from the game/arena.

### **Do:**

- Support the game of Ringette.
- Cheer for all athletes in a positive manner, modeling good sportsmanship, and fair play.
- Show respect to all individuals, treating everyone with courtesy, including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, other spectators and parents.
- Thank officials after each game and ensure your athletes do the same. A handshake goes a long way in the promotion of good sportsmanship.
- Respect the decisions and judgments of the officials and encourage athletes to do the same.
- Avoid spectator-imposed pressures to win.
- Encourage participation at all levels. Promote emotional and physical well-being.
- Volunteer your time at an event when help is required.
- Encourage fair play and sportsmanship both on and off the ice.
- Remember that this is a game, the main goal is to have fun!

### **Do Not:**

- Engage in profane, insulting, harassing, sexist, racist, abusive, disrespectful or otherwise offensive behavior.
- Verbally abuse the officials, the opposing team, their players or coaches.
- Demean or ridicule any athlete who has not met your expectation.
- Use physical force, or engage in verbal abuse, or violent acts of any kind.
- Partake in the unlicensed use of alcohol or the illegal use of drugs at any events.
- Coach any athlete during an event, unless you are the coach for that team.

Thank you from the Athletes, Officials, Coaches, Parents and Other Spectators