

## Spectator Code of Conduct

Ringette BC is committed to providing its members with a safe and positive environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. All Spectators are expected to conduct themselves appropriately, and in a fair and responsible manner at all times.

Ringette BC has pledged to uphold the True Sport Principles. All Ringette BC events and ringette related activities are True Sport Events and all players, coaches, officials, parents, volunteers and spectators are expected to uphold and promote the True Sport Principles.

The True Sport Principles are:

- ⦿ **GO FOR IT!**  
Rise to the Challenge – always strive for excellence. Discover how good you can be.
- ⦿ **PLAY FAIR**  
Play honestly – obey both the letter and the spirit of the rules. Winning is only meaningful when competition is fair.
- ⦿ **RESPECT OTHERS**  
Show respect for everyone involved in creating your sporting experience, both on and off the field. Win with dignity and lose with grace.
- ⦿ **KEEP IT FUN**  
Find the joy of sport. Keep a positive attitude both on and off the field.
- ⦿ **STAY HEALTHY**  
Place physical and mental health above all other considerations – avoid unsafe activities. Respect your body and keep in shape.
- ⦿ **INCLUDE EVERYONE**  
Share sport with others. Ensure everyone has a place to play.
- ⦿ **GIVE BACK**  
Find ways to show your appreciation for the community that supports your sport and helps make it possible.

As a spectator of Ringette, I will:

1. Remember that the game is for fun and the game is for the players.
2. Be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy and positive support to all athletes, coaches, officials and spectators at games and practices.
3. Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with an official, coach, athlete, parent or other spectator. Actions include booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures.
4. Not encourage behaviors or actions that would endanger the health and mental well-being of the athletes, officials, coaches or other spectators.
5. Ensure that I treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of a person's culture, color, ancestry, nationality, age, political beliefs, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, gender or sexual orientation.
6. Not ridicule or yell at any participants, officials or coaches for making a mistake or losing a game.
7. Respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront officials and/or coaches during or immediately following a game.
8. Ensure the sport environment is free of drugs and alcohol and, I will refrain from the use of them at events.

Individuals attending Ringette BC, League or Club Association events are advised that, by doing so agree and will adhere to this and other policies, rules, regulations, by-laws and constitutions of Ringette BC, Ringette Canada and the League and/or Club Association. 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.

All spectators accept that should they be found to have breached this Code of Conduct, they may be subject to disciplinary sanctions levied by Ringette BC, the League or local Club Association.