



BC ATHLETICS - SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

BC Athletics 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.

Do:

- 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.
- Present any protest or disagreements via the correct avenue and in a respectful manner.
- Acquaint yourself with the rules and correct appeals procedures for track and field competitions.
- Promote respect and appreciation for all coaches, officials and volunteers at any event or practice, and encourage others to do so.
- Thank officials after each event, and ensure your athlete does the same. A handshake goes a long way in the promotion of good sportsmanship.
- Model sportsmanship, respect and courtesy for all athletes and spectators.
- Have realistic expectations for performance outcomes.
- Encourage participation by athletes. Promote emotional and physical well-being.
- Volunteer your time at an event when help is required.

Do Not:

- Engage in profane, insulting, harassing, sexist, racist, abusive, disrespectful or otherwise offensive behavior.
- 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 an Athletics Event.
- Coach any athlete during an event, unless you are the personal or team coach for that athlete.
- Intrude into the competition area.

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