

GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

All BCSSA members shall treat its clubs, competitors, coaches, officials, and other members fairly and with respect and integrity.

All Participants Shall:

- a) Promote safety and ensure enjoyment and good competition.
- b) Eliminate behaviours and actions that detract from a positive environment.
- c) Not tolerate abuse or harassment by anyone during any BCSSA activities.
- d) Respect and abide by all BCSSA rules as well as the spirit of those rules.
- e) Resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, violence, or disrespect.
- f) Support efforts to eliminate verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities.
- g) Use appropriate language. Use of profane or abusive language or obscene gestures will not be tolerated.
- h) Respect the property of others and not wilfully cause damage.
- i) All adult participants at BCSSA activities shall intervene if they observe inappropriate behaviour.

Any physical or verbal assault of a meet official by any individual is a major offense and shall be reported by the Referee to the BCSSA President for consideration of disciplinary action. The offender shall be ordered from the area of the meet and barred from re-entry for the remainder of the meet.

COMPETITORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) There shall be no use of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, or illegal products before or during any meets or other BCSSA activities.
- b) Athletes are expected to respect each other. Fighting, intentional touching or striking another athlete will be subject to discipline.
- c) Respect your opponents, and all coaches, volunteers, and officials.
- d) Any questions regarding disqualifications, judge's decisions etc. shall be directed to your coach.

OFFICIALS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Responsible for promoting the rules of their sport to all participants to the best of their ability.
- b) Conduct shall reflect professionalism through respect for all participants, knowledge of the rules, and integrity and neutrality in the application of the rules.
- c) When on deck, shall be properly attired so they can be easily identified by competitors and spectators.
- d) Always treat fellow officials with respect and not disparage their decisions.
- e) Maintain and update their knowledge of the rules and rule changes.
- f) Be fair, equitable, considerate, independent, honest, and impartial in all dealings.
- g) Honour all assignments unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency, and in these cases inform the assignor at the earliest possible time.

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Respect the integrity of officials by assuming decisions are based on honest, objective evaluations of performance. Only coaches may approach meet officials for clarification of rulings.
- b) If you have coaching concerns, address them with the appropriate coach in private. If you have club concerns, address them with your club representative.
- c) Ensure that responses and communications on social media remain professional and considerate.
- d) Encourage your child to compete by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, violence, or disrespect.
- e) Respect and show appreciation to all competitors, and to the coaches, officials, and other volunteers.