

## **COMPETITORS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

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- a. Respect and compete by the BCSSA rules, and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- b. Respect your opponents.
- c. Respect all coaches and officials.
- d. Support all efforts to eliminate verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities.
- e. Accept responsibility for your actions and behaviour.

## **PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

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- a. Your child plays sport for his/her enjoyment not yours.
- b. Encourage your child to compete by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- c. Teach your child that doing one's best is as important as winning. Offer praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- d. Do not yell at, or ridicule your child for making a mistake or for losing a competition.
- e. Children learn best by example. Applaud good performances from all competitors.
- f. Do not force your child to participate in sports.
- g. Respect and support ALL officials who participate in the game
- h. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities. Maintain self-control at all times.

It is considered unfair to expect Association volunteer executive members, or other volunteers who are at BCSSA events watching their children play to act as a 'police agency' during those events. It is unfair to expect volunteer executive members to step into certain 'heated' situations simply because they happen to be at that particular event. There are many other participants at any event. The responsibility of acting should not fall onto the volunteers alone. It is the responsibility of all participants to be accountable for any inappropriate situation(s) at any BCSSA event. It is everyone's responsibility if an inappropriate incident occurs at a pool. Everyone should use common sense, have a rational evaluation of

a situation, and act accordingly. It is considered everyone's responsibility, including non-executive participants to become involved in attaining such goals. The burden of the action is everyone's responsibility.

It is important to educate all participants. They are as accountable as everyone else in preventing incidents and resolving incidents should they occur. Participant groups must learn not to 'pass the buck'.

## **OFFICIALS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

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BCSSA's officials are responsible for promoting the rules of their sport to all participants to the best of their ability, be it swimming, water polo, diving or synchronized swimming. Officials' conduct should reflect professionalism through respect for all participants, knowledge of the rules and integrity and neutrality in the application of the rules.