



## **MANITOBA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION SPECTATORS' BEHAVIOURAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Definition**

Anyone watching a particular athletic activity or event whether sitting or standing is considered a spectator. A spectator may be a parent, a relative, friend, teammate, opposing player, administrator or coach not directly involved in the game. Spectators are an important part of any athletic activity, however they are not essential. Spectators should never influence the outcome of an event and must never pose a distraction to players, other spectators, and officials.

### **Goal Statement**

Anyone in an audience watching a Manitoba Volleyball Association ("MVA") sanctioned event will be expected to adhere to the following Guidelines for Behaviour.

### **Actions**

Always model mature behaviour consistent with that of the MVA Guidelines for Behaviour ("Guidelines") which is set out below:

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials;
- Applaud good performance and effort from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome;
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together;
- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents;
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive;
- Help provide a safe and fun environment;
- Support the officials and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity;
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- Be supportive after the game - win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.



## **Consequences**

Spectators who do not comply with the Guidelines may be asked to refrain from their current behaviour that contravenes the Guidelines and to conform accordingly. If the spectator continues to contravene the Guidelines, site or game officials/staff conveners may request the offending spectator to leave the area. If the offending spectator does not leave in a timely fashion, site or game officials have the right to suspend play. All requests for spectator removals shall be reported to the MVA by a site/game official.

The Guidelines have been established for the safety and enjoyment of all those individuals participating in MVA events. The MVA appreciates your respect and cooperation.