

Appendix A

Code of Ethics and Conduct – Spectators

We all have a duty of care towards young and vulnerable performers and can help to protect them from abuse. As a spectator, you will play a vital part in the development of young people through enhancing their enjoyment and performance in sport.

This can be achieved by:

- identifying and meeting the needs of young people;
- improving their performance through a progressive programme of safe, guided practice, measured performance and/or competition;
- creating an environment in which young people are motivated to maintain participation and improve performance

We therefore expect spectators to demonstrate the principles of good ethical practice listed below:

- 1 You must remember that children and young people play sport for their own enjoyment, not for entertainment.
- 2 You must not use foul or abusive language, or harass (physically or verbally) any players, managers, coaches or officials.
- 3 You should recognise good play and applaud the good performances of all.
- 4 You should show respect for opponents – without them, there would be no competition.
- 5 You must never scold or ridicule a child for making a mistake during the performance.
- 6 You must respect the decisions of officials without disagreement.
- 7 You should encourage players always to compete within the rules of the sport.
- 8 You should be familiar with the rules of the competition to better understand what you are watching and commenting upon.

KSLO also supports and embraces the National Governing Bodies of Sport Codes of Conduct.