



Rationale

The OSGA (Ontario Senior Games Association) vigorously promotes the concept that its games and events are designed for 55+ adults to have fun, and be actively involved in mental and physical activities. It further recognizes its role to exercise leadership as it strives to promote in a very positive way the type of conduct that attracts and encourages 55+ adults to become involved in an active life style.

Policy Guidelines

1. This policy outlines OSGA expectations of conduct from all who have any connection with the OSGA including Board members, Member Districts, employees, participants, coaches, officials, and volunteers.
2. All Board members, employees, participants, coaches, officials, and volunteers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that supports and promotes the ideals of friendly competition by:
 - a. Recognizing the rights and abilities of other competitors at all times;
 - b. Offering positive and helpful support to team mates and officials;
 - c. Respecting and playing within the rules of the event and the organization;
 - d. Respecting the ruling(s) of officials and event organizers;
 - e. Offering suggestions and criticism in terms that are positive and productive;
 - f. Supporting the ideals that OSGA activities are designed for 55+ adults who want to be involved in enjoyable competition;
 - g. Being gracious in both victory and defeat.
3. All Federal, Provincial and municipal laws will be supported and obeyed.
4. Any rules related to game or event venues will be respected and followed.
5. All parties will recognize and follow restrictions regarding the use of alcohol, smoking and illegal substances.
6. All parties will respect game organizers by;
 - a. Informing of them of any problems with personal attendance at competitions so substitutions can be put into place;
 - b. Being on time for the start of the event.
7. All parties will respect the rights of persons with a disability to participate in OSGA games and activities.
8. All parties will avoid negative behaviors that are unsportsmanlike, disruptive, disrespectful, abusive, racist, or sexist.
9. All parties will recognize that betting or gambling either by word or deed is not permitted in any OSGA venue or program.
10. All parties will encourage and support the ideals of fun, mental and physical activity at all times.

Administration

This policy shall be administered by the OSGA President.

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