

Code of Conduct Policy

Rationale

The OSGA 55+ (Ontario Senior Games Association) strives to promote an active living lifestyle for older adults (55+) in Ontario. The desire is to meet the ever changing needs of our membership, in which the OSGA 55+ programs are designed to offer events and activities to enhance participation at all levels. It is the view of the OSGA that older adults will become involved when friendly levels of competition are maintained.

Policy Guidelines

This policy outlines expectations to all Board members, Member Districts, employees, participants, coaches, officials, and volunteers to conduct themselves in a manner that supports and promotes the ideals of friendly competition by:

- 1. Recognizing the rights and abilities of other competitors at all times.
- 2. Offering positive and helpful support to teammates and officials.
- 3. Respecting and playing within the rules of the event and the organization.
- 4. Respecting the ruling(s) of officials and event organizers.
- 5. Offering suggestions and criticism in terms that are positive and productive.
- 6. Being gracious in both victory and defeat.
- 7. All Federal, Provincial and municipal laws will be supported and obeyed.
- 8. All parties will adhere to and respect OSGA policies.
- 9. Any rules related to game or event venues will be respected and followed.
- 10. All parties will recognize that betting or gambling either by word or deed is not permitted.
- 11. All parties will encourage and support the ideals of fun, mental and physical activity at all times.
- 12. All parties will avoid negative behaviors that are unsportsmanlike, disruptive, disrespectful, abusive, racist, or sexist.
- 13. Supporting the ideals that OSGA activities are designed for 55+ adults who want to be involved in enjoyable competition.

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