

Shooting Federation of Nova Scotia (SFNS)

Fair Play Standards

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GOAL OF FAIR PLAY

The goal of the Shooting Federation of Nova Scotia (SFNS) rules for Fair Play is to promote, so far as possible, the goals of the Olympic International Committee for Fair Play (CIFP), which defend and promote fair play at an international level. The CIFP focuses on national and international organizations working for sport and education, on high level athletes and most importantly on children, adolescents and on those in charge of training them such as coaches and trainers. The SFNS aim is to promote these goals at the provincial level.

PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

All aspects of the SFNS Fair Play program are mandatory and cannot be disregarded, amended or circumvented by any participant (parent, competitor, official or coach) through any agreements formed by any participant or group of participants.

With Fair Play, everyone is accountable for their actions. If you abuse other participants, in or outside the shooting range you will be accountable for your actions. If your behaviour is inappropriate at a competition or at another shooting range, or if you or your team behaves inappropriately at any competition, you/they will be accountable for your/their actions.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Parents are role models for all participants. Parents and other spectators must understand that competitive target shooting is a recreational activity. The participants are not there to entertain the parents. The participants are on the shooting range because you, as a parent, allow your child to participate in the program and your son/daughter enjoys target shooting. Every parent wants their son/daughter to do well. Coaches assist participants to perform at their level of competency. Do not judge any young participant by professional standards or impose adult expectations. No participant performs poorly or makes a mistake on purpose. Be positive and supportive to all participants. Do not use abusive language on the shooting range nor tolerate others doing this. Respect visiting participants and their parents. Be supportive and positive.

COMPETITOR EXPECTATIONS

All competitors are ambassadors of the Province and the area which they represent, especially when competing away from home. The SFNS encourages all competitors to be as competitive as possible but to perform within the rules of the sport with respect to fellow competitors and with respect to the officials and their decisions at all times.

OFFICIALS and COACHING STAFF EXPECTATIONS

All SFNS officials and coaching staff are volunteers. Coaches are role models for the competitors they have been selected to coach. Coaching staff and officials are also ambassadors for the Province and their home town. All staff must understand that target shooting is a recreational activity. The SFNS encourages all staff to be as competitive as possible but to perform within the rules of the sport. The primary focus of all volunteer staff is to ensure their competitors have fun and enjoy participating in the sport.

Staff must encourage and foster SAFETY and RESPECT during all target shooting activities. All volunteer officials and coaching staff are role models for their competitors. Coaches must understand that they are coaching 'children' not professional shooters. No matter how important a competition seems to be at the time, treat all participants with respect including the opponents and the officials. Maintain your self-control at all times. Demonstrate self-control to your competitors with a mature attitude and appropriate communication skills.

As coaching staff you must demonstrate respect for the officials and their decisions. In many cases, the officials are also learning their game. Do not expect Olympic caliber officiating.

Following is a list of principles the SFNS expects coaches to follow:

- Do not lose control of yourself in front of competitors.
- There is absolutely no need for foul language anywhere near your competitors.
- Your main goal is not to win titles, but to ensure that your competitors have fun and maintain their love for target shooting.
- Always encourage, foster, and maintain SAFETY and RESPECT.
- Do not be the cause for any competitor to stop participating in target shooting.
- Control your competitors' emotions and actions on the shooting range. As coach you are accountable for your their actions.
- Communicate with a competitor's parents if you are having problems with the individual.

While these principles primarily focus on youth they are applicable to all situations involving inter-personal interaction.

In summary some key values associated with sportsmanship and Fair Play are:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
 - o Respect for Competitors
 - o Respect for the Sport
 - o Respect for the Officials and Rules
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

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