



134 Osler Street, Toronto, Ont.

## **FREESTYLE ONTARIO PARENTS OF ATHLETES CODE OF CONDUCT**

Freestyle Ontario is made up of a community of people who play a variety of roles including Judges, Officials, volunteers, coaches, staff, spectators and parents. Everyone within that community is encouraged to support the process of creating a positive and safe environment for athletes to compete, train and develop.

This Code is in place to encourage community engagement while also ensuring existing roles and responsibilities are honoured.

### **DEFINITION**

Parents or Guardians of Athletes (collectively, the “Parents”) at Freestyle Ontario (“FO”) events play an important role in supporting and enriching the experience of athletes and coaches. Parents can enhance the experience of athletes by encouraging positive role modeling, by supporting the athletes in their development and by promoting a spirit of good sportsmanship.

As such, Parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects FO’s values of respect, sportsmanship, excellence and kindness.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

Parents shall be fully aware of the rules of the competition and shall conduct themselves during competition as well as training in a respectful and sportsman like manner. This includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Respecting the athlete coach relationship;
2. Where applicable, working with coaches to support an athlete’s progression and development;
3. Respecting other parents and the staff of Freestyle Ontario in a constructive and cooperative manner;
4. When able, volunteering time or skills to the Freestyle community to improve the efficacy and success of programming;
5. Acting in a manner that engenders a positive review of Freestyle Ontario, Freestyle Canada, as well as the sport; and
6. Respectfully engaging with host clubs, officials, judges and other volunteers at team events.

Failure to comply with Freestyle Ontario’s Parent Code of Conduct may be considered an Infraction (Minor or Major) under Freestyle Ontario’s Discipline Policy and result in



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Freestyle Ontario taking disciplinary action against any Members in accordance with that policy.