

British Columbia Target Sports

FAIR PLAY POLICY FOR COACHES

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA TARGET SPORTS ASSOCIATION (BCTSA) SUBSCRIBES FULLY TO A POLICY OF FAIR PLAY WITHIN THE SPORT OF SHOOTING.

FAIR PLAY IS A PHILOSOPHY OF COACHING WHICH IS GROUNDED IN THE BELIEF THAT SPORT IS A NOBLE PURSUIT, AND IT EMPHASIZES PARTICIPATION BY ANYONE WHO WISHES TO TAKE PART.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PRINCIPLES WHICH UNDERLAY THE PHILOSOPHY OF FAIR PLAY WHICH HAVE AS THEIR AIM, THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP AND COMPETITIVE SPIRIT. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES MUST BE EMPHASIZED;

- RESPECT THE RULES OF THE SPORT OR GAME
- RESPECT THE OFFICIALS AND ACCEPT THEIR DECISIONS IN A PROPER MANNER
- RESPECT YOUR OPPONENTS AND THEIR SKILLS
- PROVIDE ALL PARTICIPANTS WITH AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR SKILLS
- MAINTAIN YOUR DIGNITY UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

THESE PRINCIPLES MUST APPLY IN *ALL* CIRCUMSTANCES, TO *EVERYONE* IN THE SPORT AND IN PARTICULAR THESE APPLY TO A COACH WITH THE BCTSA.

AS A COACH YOU MUST;

- EMPHASIZE THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE AS A GOAL IN ITSELF
- BEHAVE THE WAY YOU WANT YOUR ATHLETES AND THEIR PARENTS TO BEHAVE
- ENCOURAGE ATHLETES TO RESPECT THE SPIRIT OF THE SPORT
- ENCOURAGE ATHLETES TO RESPECT OFFICIALS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS
- EMPHASIZE THAT PARTICIPATION AND A GOAL OF ACCOMPLISHING A PERSONAL BEST ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN WINNING OR LOSING
- REMEMBER THAT ALL ATHLETES ARE IMPORTANT IN THEIR OWN WAY AND MUST BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY.
- BE SURE THAT THIS SPORT IS SEEN AS JUST ONE COMPONENT OF LIFE AND HELP APPLY IT'S PRINCIPLES AND SKILLS TO OTHER LIFE EXPERIENCES
- LET YOUR ATHLETES CHOOSE THE PRIORITY THEY WILL GIVE TO THEIR PERFORMANCE AND ADJUST YOUR EXPECTATIONS AND COACHING PROGRAM ACCORDINGLY