BRITISH TAEKWONDO COUNCIL

Safeguarding – Protecting Children Policies and Procedures

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SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Taekwondo events should be one of the most positive and memorable times in a child or young persons participation in Taekwondo. Parents/carers/family who are spectating need to demonstrate appropriate and social behaviour, they must remember that all those taking part, including the coaches and officials, are doing their best. Bad behaviour by spectators can be distressing to children and spoils what should be an enjoyable atmosphere.

The Code of Conduct applies to parents/carers/family members/friends and other spectators that are in attendance at any Taekwondo event.

- All spectators, on no account, must enter the training area unless authorized to do so.
- Remember the participants are taking part for their enjoyment not yours. They are not professional or international athletes.
- Do not use foul, sexist or racist language or harass players, coaches, officials or volunteers.
- Condemn the use of violence and verbal abuse in all forms.
- Respect officials' decisions. Remember he/she is only human with the same feelings as you and, like you, sometimes makes an honest error.
- Do not ridicule participants who make mistakes.
- Do not over-emphasise the importance of winning.
- Keep your emotions under control, be objective and stay calm.
- Cheer positively for your child, or any other member of your club rather than against their opponents.