



## **POLICY CATEGORY: 5 - COMPETITIONS**

## **POLICY TITLE: SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

**POLICY NUMBER: 5.09**

**DATE APPROVED:**

**PURPOSE:**

“Enjoy the game and let them Play”.

As an Association we will try to provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages to enjoy amateur sport through the game of curling. We will encourage sportsmanship and fellowship among all participants, to improve the player’s skills through the game of curling at a competitive level as governed by the Nova Scotia Curling Association (NSCA).

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all Nova Scotia Curling Association sanctioned events.

**POLICY:**

As a “Spectator” (anyone other than a Player, Coach, or Umpire) failing to observe the following rules can be asked by an umpire, to leave the curling club or arena, and could face further discipline action pending review of the situation.

- 1. Treat Everyone with Respect**
  - A. in a positive manner for all competitors
  - B. respect the decisions of umpires
  - C. not interfere with the play or competition
  - D. be courteous and respectful to other spectators, all competitors, coaches, event organizers and umpires

2. Exercise Self-Control at all times
  - a. respect the rules and regulations of the facility
  - b. refrain from the use of foul or profane language
  - c. refrain from the use of physical force of any kind
3. Therefore, the following will not be tolerated:
  - a. Any verbal abuse to players, coaches or umpires
  - b. Threatening of, or any physical contact of a player, coach, umpire, or event organizer
  - c. Disruption of the game
  - d. Excessive arguing with umpire decision at anytime.

Any of the above mentioned is unacceptable behavior and the offending Spectator(s) will be subject to disciplinary action by the Nova Scotia Curling Association's Executive in accordance with this NSCA Policy.

#### 4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

The NSCA shall have the right to administer disciplinary measures in the event of contravention of any of the above-specified obligations by a Spectator. Such disciplinary measures shall include but are not limited to:

1. Informal reprimand (verbal);
2. Formal reprimand (written);
3. Temporary suspension from a competition;
4. Permanent suspension from a competition;
5. Disqualification from any/all competitions;
6. Dismissal from any team competing in a competition.

Appeals to any suspensions or disciplinary action by the NSCA Executive will be dealt with in accordance to the following Appeal process.

The NSCA shall investigate at its discretion any infractions to the Spectator Code of Conduct Policy by a Spectator(s).

The procedure shall be as follows:

- a. The President shall appoint an Investigator(s) to review the incident and the Investigator(s) shall be empowered to reach a settlement.
- b. The appointed Investigator(s) will normally be a Director of the NSCA.
- c. Should the Investigator(s) not reach a settlement the President will appoint a Discipline Committee to hear the report of the Investigator(s) in the presence of the Spectator(s). The Discipline Committee shall consist of three persons from the current Board of Directors of the NSCA of which only one shall be a member of the Executive Committee.
- d. The Discipline Committee will rule on the contravention as per the discipline measures listed below;
  1. The Spectator(s) may appeal the decision of the Discipline Committee to the NSCA Board of Directors Executive Committee by Notice of Appeal within 7 days.

2. The Notice of Appeal shall concisely state the reasons and grounds for the appeal and shall be delivered in writing to the NSCA office.
3. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding on both the NSCA and the Spectator(s).
4. There shall be no further appeal from the decision of the Executive Committee.

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