



Basketball Nova Scotia Statement Spectator Behaviour

Basketball Nova Scotia's top priority is safe sport. The safety and well-being of our players, coaches, officials, and spectators must always come first.

Following a review of certain events at the recent U14 Provincial Club Championships, we are addressing behaviour from some spectators that did not meet safe sport standards. Verbal or physical aggression has a real impact on everyone present, especially young athletes, and cannot be part of our sport environment.

This is youth sport. Behaviour that includes intimidation, harassment, or physical altercations is not acceptable and is inconsistent with our Code of Conduct and our shared values of respect, safety, and fair play.

Our championships are intended to celebrate the hard work, commitment, and passion of our athletes, coaches, and officials. Every participant deserves to feel safe, supported, and respected. Young athletes rely on the adults around them to model how to handle competition, stress, and disagreement in healthy ways.

We want to be clear. Any form of abuse, aggression, or threatening behaviour at our events will not be tolerated. Individuals who engage in this behaviour will be removed from the facility and may be subject to further disciplinary action, including suspension from future events.

We ask all members of our basketball community, especially parents, guardians, and spectators, to be mindful of the role you play. Your presence and behaviour shape the experience for every child in the gym. We expect positive encouragement, respect for opponents and officials, and conduct that reflects the best of our game. Basketball Nova Scotia remains committed to fostering environments that are safe, inclusive, and supportive for all. We appreciate those in our community who continue to model these values and contribute to a positive experience for our young athletes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah MacEachern-Wilson".

Sarah MacEachern-Wilson, President
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