



Archers Association of Nova Scotia

AANS Policy 2008-005 - Code of Ethics

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Adopted from the Federation of Canadian Archers Code of Ethics

Sport challenges everyone involved – players, coaches, officials, directors and parents – to do their best honestly and fairly. To ensure that players, coaches, officials, directors and parents are aware of their responsibilities, the AANS has adopted the following Code of Ethics.

Coaches shall:

Act at all times in the best interest of the development of the athletes as a whole person.

Accept both the letter and spirit of the rules of the sport.

Accept and support the role of the officials to ensure the competition is conducted fairly and in accordance with the established rules.

Act with integrity in performing all duties with the athletes, their parents, other coaches and officials.

Strive to be well-prepared so your coaching duties are carried out with competence.

Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all athletes.

Treat others with respect.

Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.

Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.

Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and to support the principles of Fair Play.

Fair Play considerations:

Learn and follow the rules of sport.

Recognise and respect differences in the athletes.

Provide equal opportunity and support to all athletes.

Encourage athletes to always do their best.

Encourage athletes to be respectful in both victory and defeat.

Set an example. Behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

Officials Shall:

Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.

Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.

Compliment and encourage all participants.

Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.

Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.

Emphasize the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
Be a good sport. Actions speak louder than words.
Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
Treat others with respect.
Set an example. Behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

Athletes Shall:

Conduct themselves in an honourable manner both on and off the competition field.
Accept both the letter and spirit of the rules of the sport.
Accept and support the role of the officials to ensure the competition is conducted fairly and in accordance with the established rules.
Not knowingly break the rules, but divulge any breach of the rules as soon as it becomes known.
Not take any actions that could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate or demean opponents, team mates or officials.
Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and support the principles of Fair Play.
Accept any penalty that the governing body of the AANS deems appropriate if the athlete is found to be in violation of the code of ethics or rules of the competitions.
Treat others with respect. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants involved in the sport.
Set an example. Behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

Directors Shall:

Involve athletes in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
Give all athletes equal opportunities to participate.
Create pathways for people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
Ensure that rules, equipment, are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
Ensure that everyone involved in the sport emphasizes fair play, and not winning at all costs.
Set an example. Behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
Treat others with respect. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person involved in the sport.

Parents Shall:

Remember that children participate in sport for their own enjoyment, not the parents'.
Encourage children to participate, not force them.
Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.

Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.

Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.

Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.

Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.

Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

Treat others with respect. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person involved in the sport.

Set an example. Behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

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