



Queensland Weightlifting Association Inc.

SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

Our commitment

Our organisation is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours include:

- using bad language
- harassing or ridiculing athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
- making racist, religious, sexist or other inappropriate comments to athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
- any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
- putting undue pressure on children, berating them or putting down their performance

What we will do

- Provide members, their parents and other sporting personnel with our Member Protection Policy and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by displaying signs and posters around our facilities and providing information on our website, in our newsletter and through other club communication.
- Encourage our coaches and officials to complete training to develop their skills and confidence.
- Ban bringing alcohol to training, a game or no-alcohol club event.
- Consult with our local police and seek their support and advice on how to handle issues involving inappropriate behaviour by spectators prior to, at or after an event.
- Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this policy and take disciplinary or whatever other actions as are deemed necessary (e.g. appoint a ground official to monitor behaviour).

Play by the Rules is supported by the Australian, state and territory governments.

The information on *Play by the Rules* is not intended as a substitute for legal or other professional advice.

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- Encourage our athletes, coaches, officials and spectators to call the police if they are concerned about escalating behaviour and their safety or the safety of others.

What we ask you to do

- Help create a positive atmosphere for athletes, officials and other spectators by showing respect for athletes, officials and other spectators.
- Abide by our organisations Member Protection Policy and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is an official or committee member present, ask for their assistance.
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to the club president or someone in a position of authority.
- Call the police or a club official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

I, _____ have read and understood the policy and will abide by it as a member of Queensland Weightlifting association Inc.

Signature:

Date:

If under 18 years of age, parent/guardian:

Signature:

Date: