



Code of Conduct Policy: Spectators

Definition Anyone watching a particular athletic activity or event whether sitting or standing is considered a spectator. A spectator may be a parent, a relative, friend, teammate, opposing player, administrator or coach not directly involved in the activity/event. Spectators are an important part of any athletic activity; however, they are not essential. Spectators should never influence the outcome of an event and must never pose a distraction to players, other spectators, timers, scorekeepers and officials.

Goal Statement

Any spectator watching an OJA sanctioned event will be expected to respect and adhere to the Spectator Conduct Policy.

Actions In addition to the responsibilities of this OJA Code of Conduct, spectators of athletes and spectators at events will:

- Support the sport/art of Jiu-Jitsu
- Encourage athletes to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- Stress the importance of participation.
- Avoid spectator-imposed pressures to win.
- Be supportive of the athlete, coach, opponents and officials.
- Respect the decisions and judgments of officials and encourage athletes to do the same.
- Maintain a supportive, constructive atmosphere conducive to the athletes' personal development.
- Refrain from negative communications with players, coaches, the scorers' table or match officials.
- At no time should spectators go on to the mat area. This includes the time when the players enter the mat area for warm up until the time when the players leave the mat area at the end of their matches.