**Sample - Spectator code of conduct**

In addition to adhering to and following all procedures contained within The Meapa code of ethics that is applicable to all people bound by this policy, this specific code of conduct has been developed for spectators.

This code of conduct should be read in conjunction with the British Gymnastics Spectator Policy and British Gymnastics Photography Policy.

All Spectators must meet the following requirements regarding their conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by The Meapa.

1. Remember the gymnasts are taking part for their enjoyment not yours.
2. Focus on the gymnasts’ efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
3. Never ridicule or yell at gymnasts for making a mistake or not winning a competition.
4. Show appreciation for good performance by all gymnasts (including gymnasts from opposing clubs/leisure centres/schools).
5. Respect officials’ decisions and teach others to do likewise. – Without them there would be no competitions.
6. Show appreciation and respect for volunteers, coaches/instructors, judges, and administrators.
7. Do not use offensive, discriminatory, or obscene language or gestures.
8. Treat all gymnasts fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status, and other conditions.  Allow fellow spectators the respect they deserve in their viewing of the session/event.
9. Stay within the designated spectator’s area (where provided) except for specific sessions such as parent & child sessions.
10. The gym floor is the domain of gymnasts and coaches/instructors only. Spectators are not to enter the training area unless invited by the coach/instructor.
11. Only approach coaches/instructors during the event of an emergency.
12. Supervise any children you are responsible for, whether they are gymnasts or not, outside of the gym floor and ensure they do not disrupt the session/event.
13. Keep the viewing area as clean as possible. Remove your rubbish from the seating area and use the bins provided.
14. Please switch mobile phones to silent and keep noise to a minimum.
15. Review the photography policy for the session/event before taking photos or videos of gymnasts.
16. Do not engage in any filming, recording, photography, or use of mobile phones in change-rooms at the Meapa or at any gymnastics event.
17. If filming, recording, and / or photographing at training (during open weeks) or competitions, and intending to post on social media, please ensure that you have sought permission from any other parents/carers of children other than your own if they are visible in the footage.
18. Smoking, consuming alcohol or any illegal substance is always prohibited.

***Note:*** *This “Spectators code of conduct” belongs to the Meapa* Spectators *should be aware that, in addition to this code, they may be obliged adhere to further code of conducts with British Gymnastics or other gymnastics organisations if necessary.*