

Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators

Adults have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in Modern Pentathlon. All young people participate in Modern Pentathlon because they first and foremost love the sport – it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at the sport within a club or school, it is important to reinforce the message to parents that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying sport
- A sense of personal achievement
- Self-esteem
- Improving the child's fitness, skills and techniques

Parents or spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other athletes
- Officials
- Managers
- Spectators

Adults should always be positive towards and encourage all of the children participating, not just those in their own club. Parents should be encouraged to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as their own child or team
- Avoid coaching the child during the competition
- Not to shout and scream
- Respect the official's decision
- Give attention to each of the children involved in the sport not just the most talented
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in the sport

Adults at our events should be aware that we will not tolerate abusive language or behaviour towards our volunteers and staff, who give up their valuable free time to benefit those who wish to participate. If you have a complaint or grievance please speak courteously to the Competition Organiser who will listen to you and deal with the issue appropriately.