**Spectators Code of Conduct**

Deeside Thistle Cycling Club SCIO (“DTCC”) is committed to promoting the enjoyment and enthusiasm of every child within our sport, through a safe, enjoyable environment, recognising that children participate for fun and encouraging all our athletes/teams to do well but not at all costs. It is important that children participate in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere, which allows them to participate to the best of their abilities.

In order to achieve this result, we rely heavily on spectators to give their support in the right way. Therefore, all club events are covered by this code of conduct and we require all spectators to abide by it.

Positive Supporters:

* Encourage all members of the club by applauding their effort.
* Show understanding when athletes make mistakes or if they don’t achieve their goals.
* Be positive. Discuss performances in a constructive manner at an appropriate time, focus on things the athlete did well. Don’t dwell on mistakes.
* Abide by the club’s, Scottish Cycling and British Cycling’s policies – anti bullying, wellbeing and child protection, social media and photography policies.
* Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
* Applaud other athletes and teams for their efforts, not just your own.
* Behave responsibly and do not use inappropriate language or behaviour whilst attending, involved in or spectating at any and all cycling activities; whether national or club level. Treat athletes, parents/carers, coaches, club volunteers and officials with due respect.

Where a spectator is a member of the club, Scottish Cycling or British Cycling, any breaches of the Spectators Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the club, Scottish Cycling and British Cycling’s disciplinary procedures.

If the spectator is not a member of the club, Scottish Cycling or British Cycling any breaches of the Spectator Code of Conduct will result in removal from the event and possibly a ban for future events.

NB it is recommended that clubs display this code of conduct in several places – on their website and at events in programmes or as posters so that it clearly viewable by spectators in attendance.

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