



Child Protection – Guidance Notes for Spectators

Young athletes are impressionable and their behaviour will often reflect that of the adults around them. *Pentathlon GB* welcomes spectators who embrace the ethos of the game as one of Fun, Enjoyment and Skill Development.

Spectators are encouraged to:

1. Be familiar with the rules of Modern Pentathlon.
2. Be familiar with, and abide by, the *Pentathlon GB* Child Protection Policy.
3. Act as positive role models to all young players.
4. Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than the "win at all costs" ethic.
5. Verbally encourage all youngsters in a positive way.
6. Encourage all youngsters irrespective of their ability
7. Remember children play sport for their enjoyment not yours.
8. Acknowledge good individual and team performance from ALL youngsters irrespective of which team they represent.
9. Respect match official's decisions.

Spectators should never:

- Use bad language, rude behaviour and violence.
- Verbally abuse young players, match officials, fellow spectators or coaches