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Kuantan, April 4 (BERNAMA) -- (Datuk Seri Dr.) Mahathir Mohamad said tonight the spirit of sportsmanship should be practised in every form of competition.

The prime minister said that this attitude should be made a way of life and should be adopted in facing every challenge and struggle... So, that one would not go beyond the limits.

+If we lose, we should accept it by shaking hands with our opponents, like +Orang Johor+ shaking hands with +Orang Kelantan+,+ he said jokingly when opening the sixth UMNO youth sports carnival at the stadium Darulmakmur here.

+Likewise, if a team competing in the Pesta loses, let us not sack the team committee,+ he said.

He said that the spirit of sportsmanship meant having courage to face the challenges while adhering to the rules of the game.

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He added that in any competition one should not be over-enthusiastic about achieving victories so much so that the spirit of sportsmanship was neglected.

He said that lately this spirit appeared to be lacking.

+We cannot have competition if everyone wants to do as he pleases to the extent of wanting to fight,+ he said.

On sports, he said it was important for health, especially for those working in air-conditioned offices and did not sweat.

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+In fact, I like to take part in sports even though I seldom watch soccer or other matches.

+This is because taking part in sports builds up our stamina,+ he added.

Present were UMNO youth leader Encik Anwar Ibrahim, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Ahmad Razali Mohamad Ali and Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Mohamed Najib Tun Abdul Razak, who is also UMNO youth deputy leader. -- BERNAMA 0000/MB