



## Sportsmanship Expectations for Spectators

**EACH SPECTATOR** is expected to:

- A. Remember that s/he is at a contest to support and yell for the team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.
- B. Remember that school activities are learning experiences for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
- C. Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- D. Learn the rules of the game, so that s/he may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- E. Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups. Treat them as one would treat a guest in his/her own home.
- F. Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to the opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial, or sexual nature.
- G. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- H. Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- I. Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (*alcohol, drugs, etc.*) before and during games, and afterward on or near the site of the event (*i.e., tailgating*).
- J. Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- K. Recognized and compliment the efforts of school and league administrators in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the role of good sportsmanship to that end.
- L. Be a positive behavior role model through his/her own actions and by censuring those close by whose behavior is unbecoming.

Any form of unacceptable behavior by any student is subject to discipline which may include removal from the event, suspension of participation in all athletic events for a season or school year, suspension from school, and/or referral to the police. Unacceptable behavior by non-student spectators may result in removal from the event, denial of admission to school athletic events for a season or school year, or referral to local authorities.