

# Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators

## Colorado Springs District 11

In order to establish a positive, sportsman-like atmosphere at the District Eleven middle school events, the District Athletic Office, middle school administrators, and Athletic Council Parent Committee decide that specific behavioral expectations for parents and spectators needed clarification.

Therefore, parents and ALL other spectators must ...

- ➔ Remain in the designated area during competitions.
- ➔ Refrain from coaching his/her child during games and practices.
- ➔ Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and other spectators.
- ➔ Refrain from booing, taunting, using profane language, or inappropriate gestures.
- ➔ Support an educational & athletic environment for his/her child that is free of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
- ➔ Expect his/her child to treat other players, coaches, fans, staff, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ABILITY.
- ➔ Positively cheer for their team and not denigrate the opponent.
- ➔ Praise his or her child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- ➔ Maintain self-control at all times.
- ➔ Know the rules of the contest.
- ➔ Make an appointment to discuss any concerns at an agreed upon place and time. Note: It is not appropriate to confront an official, coach, or school administrator before, during, or after a contest.
- ➔ Remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not for adults.

Parents and spectators who fail to follow the noted expectations may be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, the following:

- ➔ Verbal warning
- ➔ Written warning
- ➔ Game ejection/suspension
- ➔ Season suspension

**NOTE: ANY PARENT OR SPECTATOR EJECTED FROM A CONTEST FOR COMMITTING AN UNSPORTSMAN-LIKE ACT SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONTEST. HE/SHE MAY NOT ATTEND ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTEST AT ANY LEVEL IN ANY SPORT DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME. FURTHER CONSEQUENCES MAY BE IMPOSED AS WARRANTED.**

References:

1. National Youth Sports Safety Foundation, Inc., "Sport Parent Code of Conduct." ([nyssf.org](http://nyssf.org))
2. American Sport Education Program, "A Sport Parent's Conduct" from Sport Parent. ([asep.com](http://asep.com))