

## Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators

In order to establish a positive, sportsmanlike atmosphere at the District Eleven middle school events, the District Athletic Office and middle schools require specific behavioral expectations for parents and spectators.

### Therefore, parents and all other spectators must:

- ◆ Remain in the designated area during competitions.
  - Basketball (remain in designated seating areas as long as capacity allows, not entering the court, player bench area, viewing from the end-lines)
  - Football (remain in designated viewing areas, not entering the team area, coaches box or field)
  - Track (remain in designated seating areas, not entering the track or athlete staging areas)
  - Volleyball (remain in designated seating areas, not entering the court or player bench area)
  - Wrestling (remain in designated seating areas, not entering the mat area or player bench area)
- ◆ Refrain from coaching athletes from the stands during games and practices.
- ◆ Encourage & model good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Refrain from any booing, taunting, degrading comments, profane language or gestures.
- ◆ Support a sports environment for athletes that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol while in attendance and on campus.
- ◆ Expect his/her child treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- ◆ Praise athletes for their efforts and accomplishments, not their faults.
- ◆ Maintain self-control at all times.
- ◆ Inform and monitor other friends of the family or family members who are in attendance of these expectations.
- ◆ Know the rules of the contest.
- ◆ Make an appointment to discuss any concerns at an agreed upon time and place. 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/Spectators that fail to follow these expectations may be subject to disciplinary action to include, but not limited to the following:

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

❖ ANY PARENT OR SPECTATOR EJECTED FROM A CONTEST FOR COMMITTING AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE 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 TIME. FURTHER CONSEQUENCES MAY BE IMPOSED AS WARRANTED.

❖ EJECTION OF A FRIND OF THE FAMILY OR FAMILY MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE MAY BE EXTENDED TO THE ATHLETE'S PRIMARY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sport \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_