

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS
Of Spectators

- ❑ Remember that you are at a contest to support and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.
- ❑ Remember that school athletics 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.
- ❑ Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe a contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- ❑ Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- ❑ Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
- ❑ Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial or sexual nature.
- ❑ 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**.
- ❑ Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- ❑ Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before and during games, and afterwards on or near the site of the event (i.e. tailgating).
- ❑ Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- ❑ Recognize and compliment the efforts of the school and league administrators for their efforts in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the role of good sportsmanship to that end.
- ❑ Be a positive behavior role model through your own actions and by censoring those around you at events whose behavior is unbecoming.