

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT CHEERING SECTIONS

To help ensure that sporting behavior by the fans contribute to the event, rather than distracts from it, the following guidelines for student cheering sections and general fan behavior is offered. These suggestions are merely guidelines for the schools of District 6 to consider for regular season events, but WILL be enforced in all District 6 championships.

Responsibility of Principals for Teams and Crowd Control

The Principal and Athletic Director must identify themselves upon arriving at the game site, indicate exactly where they can be reached for assistance, and are responsible for crowd control as it pertains to representatives and spectators of their school community. The site game manager, the site liaison and security personnel will address all concerns and administer appropriate remedial measures.

Any additional sport specific concerns will be addressed within that specific handbook. The inclusion of any suggestion in this list does NOT imply that a school district may not enact even stricter regulations for their own home games. Final decisions on all interpretations are left to the individual game manager.

Acceptable Behavior

- * Clothes appropriate within district dress code.
- * Face paint in school colors limited to school insignias on cheek.
- * Applauding and cheering for your team during introductions, the contest and post-game handshakes.
- * Signs that support your school team (where possible, signs should be fastened to the wall).
- * Waving of towels.
- * Respect the decisions of the officials.
- * Staying in assigned student cheering section.
- * Highly visible game management, including an adult chaperone with organized student cheering sections.

Unacceptable Behavior

- * Shirtless and undergarments exposed or worn as outer garments. Wearing clothes that would not be appropriate or acceptable for school.
- * Full face paint or masks/hats that hide student identity. Face paint in colors other than school colors.
- * Derogatory cheers, chants, songs, actions, or gestures directed toward opposing teams, their fans or the officials, including during pre-game and introductions.
- * Signs that taunt or run down opponents. Any sticks or “props” that could be used as a weapon.
- * Booing or heckling an official’s decision.
- * Sitting in, taunting or approaching opponents’ designated student section, team or fans with an intent to cause a disturbance. Fans should NOT go onto the field or court after the game.
- * Noisemakers (for indoor events) – cowbells, aerosol horns, sirens, and whistles. Both the presence and use of balloons, sirens, whistles, vuvuzelas, and portable listening devices (without earphones) are prohibited. The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from the spectators from their school and community.
- * Any behavior that draws attention away from the players and the contest, including (but not limited to) inappropriate gestures, signs, cheers, and noisemakers.
- * Standing up for the whole contest, which could obstruct another person’s view (unless prior arrangements have been made with the game manager).