

10 Commandments for Spectators

- 1. Show courtesy and respect for visiting teams. Recognize and appreciate skill and performance regardless of affiliation. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and goodwill.***
- 2. Remember that the games are for the players. They are there because they want to play and enjoy the experience. Your good sportsmanship will enhance this educational experience.***
- 3. Refrain from distracting the players during play.***
- 4. Treat officials with respect before, during, and after the contest. Remember that one cannot play the game without officials. They are an integral part of the game and should be considered an impartial arbitrator. Remember that your view of the game could be quite different from that of the official.***
- 5. Display good conduct. Although you may have paid to get into the game, the management retains the right to remove any spectators who do not conduct themselves respectfully. Abuse of the facilities should also be avoided.***
- 6. Recognize that you represent your school and the student athletes.***
- 7. Respect and cooperatively respond appropriately and enthusiastically to the cheerleaders.***

- 8. Remember that an athletic contest is only a game. It is not a matter of life and death.**

- 9. Make sure your children know that win or lose, scared or heroic, you love them, appreciate their efforts, are proud of them, and are not disappointed in them.**

- 10. Show support for the coach and the program. Be careful about making negative comments about other players or coaches.**