

# NORTHEAST 8 ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

(Adopted February 8, 2018)

## ~~ SPORTSMANSHIP ~~

As members of the Northeast Eight Athletic Conference, we pride ourselves on recognizing the significance of **sportsmanship** among our member schools; **respect** between participating athletes, coaches, and fans; **compassion** for the outcomes of all contests and the effects on its participants; and the **trust** our member schools have in each other to see the aforementioned core values of the NE 8 to fruition.

We sincerely hope you enjoy tonight's/today's contest and that you will contribute to this meaningful athletic experience to all in attendance by exemplifying **SPORTSMANSHIP, RESPECT, COMPASSION, AND TRUST.**

### THE ADMINISTRATION OF EACH SCHOOL WILL ENFORCE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Northeast 8 condones and encourages positive cheers that build school spirit through good sportsmanship. Cheers that are vulgar or demeaning to opposing teams or their fans are prohibited.
2. There are to be no gestures or verbal expressions of an obscene, profane, taunting or vulgar connotation directed toward athletes, coaches, officials or other fans.
3. Noisemakers of any kind are prohibited at indoor events.
4. Any posted signs in or around the playing area are to be monitored and judged for value, appropriateness, and positive tone by the host administration.
5. Spectators are not permitted on the playing floor or field during or immediately after a contest. Anyone who goes onto the field of play during a contest will be immediately removed from the event. Those entering at the conclusion of play will face disciplinary action as well.
6. Only authorized personnel are permitted in the locker room and press box areas.
7. Recognized law enforcement officials will be present at all games which the administrators of the schools involved deem appropriate.
8. Behavior expectations for the Northeast 8 are to be printed in the game programs.

### BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

#### THE STUDENT ATHLETE

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility and the privilege of representing the school and the community.
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with parents, fans, fellow students to assist all in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated, as a guest or friend.

- Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Never argue or make gestures which indicate disagreement.

#### **OTHER STUDENT GROUPS (PEP CLUBS, BAND, ETC.)**

- Be leaders in conduct before, during and after contests and events. Always provide positive support.
- Assist cheerleaders with yells, chants, etc., and be a working part of pep assemblies with preparation, organization and involvement.
- Treat opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups with respect and enthusiasm.
- Conduct is to always be exemplary. All student groups represent their respective schools both home and away.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- Refrain from cheers which downplay the opponent, or which use profane or abusive language.

#### **SPECTATORS**

- Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students; mistakes will be made.
- Understand that a ticket is a privilege only to observe the contest.
- Learn the rules of the game to understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- 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).
- Refrain from cheers which downplay the opponent, or which use profane or abusive language.

#### **~~ EXAMPLES OF INAPPROPRIATE SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR AND CONSEQUENCES ~~ (Adopted May 11, 2022)**

**Inappropriate spectator behavior, whether by students, staff, parents, or community members, will not be tolerated. The following is an illustrative, but not exhaustive, list of some behaviors which will not be tolerated:**

- **Verbal/physical abuse of officials, players, coaches, or spectators**
- **Demonstrations involving foreign substances such as, but not limited to, powder, confetti, etc**
- **Berating players, coaches, or other spectators**
- **Removal from a contest or premises by a game official, administrator, or security personnel**

**As a result of inappropriate spectator behavior, any of the following consequences may occur. The principal or designee, regardless of host or visiting school, has the authority to vary from these guidelines based upon the circumstances:**

- **The spectator may receive a verbal or written warning**
- **The spectator will not be permitted to attend any athletic contests for 10% of the contests (1 in football; 2 all others) from the date of the offense both home/away.**
- **The spectator will not be permitted to attend any athletic contests for a period of 28 days from the date of the offense, both home and away**
- **The spectator will not be permitted to attend any athletic contests for a period of one year from the date of the offense both home and away**
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