

Fan Behavior Expectations and Protocols

A. Fan behavior during games

- a. All fans will abide by the fundamentals of good sportsmanship from the Three Rivers Conference handbook (www.3riversconference.org)
 - i. Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the contest
 - ii. Show respect for the officials.
 1. The willingness to accept and abide by the decisions of the officials
 - iii. Show respect for the opponent at all times
 - iv. Recognize and appreciate skills in the abilities of the participants as amateur in status
 - v. Show concern for the behavior of all involved in the game
 - vi. Show a positive attitude in cheering, refraining from intimidating or negative cheering
 1. (Items i -vi are located on page 4 of the 2016-17 Three Rivers Conference Handbook)
- b. It is the responsibility of the game manager to confront individuals whose unsportsmanlike conduct is not acceptable at an athletic event. If confronted and negative behavior persists, the game manager shall insist that the individual leave the school grounds
 - i. If the individual refuses to leave, the contest will be stopped until the individual has left the premises.
 - ii. If necessary, law enforcement may be contacted to assist the game manager

B. Fan interactions with coaches

- a. All fans will treat coaches (both Cotter and opposing) with respect
- b. All fans will follow the 24 hour rule
 - i. Fans are not allowed to communicate frustrations with coaches within 24 hours of a contest
 1. This includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Face to face
 - b. Email
 - c. Phone
 - d. Social Media

C. Penalties: Any fan who is removed from a contest or confronts a coach or referee in a manner deemed inappropriate by the Activities Office will be subject to the following consequences.

- a. First Violation
 - i. 1 week or 1 event ban from all Cotter hosted events, whichever is greater
- b. Second Violation
 - i. 2 week or 2 event ban from all Cotter hosted events, whichever is greater
- c. Third Violation
 - i. Ban for the remainder of the season

D. Applying the Penalty

- a. It is the responsibility of the Activities Office to enforce penalties
 - i. The President of Cotter Schools will be informed immediately of any issues that require the enforcement of penalties.
- b. Law enforcement may be contacted to stop any individual attempting to attend contests while under suspension from events
- c. All decisions made by the Activities Office are final. Appeal for review of the decision can only be made in writing, 24 hours after the incident occurred, and only to the President of Cotter Schools. The President will review the circumstances surrounding the penalty and respond within 24 hours of receiving the written appeal.

E. Playing Time

- a. Any player concerned with playing time must first meet with the coach to discuss ways to improve
- b. Any parent concerned with the playing time of their son/daughter must observe 2 consecutive practices. Once this is completed then they can meet/communicate with the coach.
 - i. A parent may not discuss playing time with a coach if the player has not first done so