

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milford, Delaware 19963

POLICY

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SPECTATOR CONDUCT AT ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Spectators are permitted to attend school athletic activities only as guests of the school district, and, accordingly as a condition of such permission, they must comply with the school district's rules and policies. Spectators will not be allowed to interfere with the enjoyment of the students participating, other spectators, or with the performance of employees and officials supervising the school athletic activity. Spectators, like the student participants, are expected to display mature behavior and sportsmanship. The failure of spectators to do so is not only disruptive but embarrassing to the students, the school district, and the entire community.

To protect the rights of students to participate without fear of interference, and to permit the sponsors and officials of school athletic activities to perform their duties without interference, the following provisions are in effect:

1. Abusive, vulgar, obscene, or demeaning verbal or physical conduct of spectators, of any type, directed at participants, other spectators, officials, or sponsors of school athletic activities or events will not be tolerated.
2. Verbal or physical conduct of spectators that interferes with the performance of students, officials, or sponsors of school athletic activities will not be tolerated.

If a spectator at a school athletic activity or event violates the above provisions, the spectator may be removed immediately from the event by the individual in charge of the event. The Milford School District may recommend the exclusion of the spectator at future school athletic activities and events and the Milford School District may issue a notice of trespass from school athletic activities, property and/or events to be sent to the spectator involved. If the spectator disobeys the school official or district's order, law enforcement authorities may be contacted.

Violations may be reported to the Executive Director of the DIAA. DIAA may request information on a spectator's actions at any time. Spectators are subject to penalties from the Executive Director or Sportsmanship Committee including reprimand, probation, or suspension. These penalties may be above and beyond penalties imposed by the Milford School District.

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