

Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators

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To establish a positive, sportsmanlike atmosphere at the District Eleven middle school events, the District Athletic Office and middle schools require specific behavioral expectations for parents and spectators.

Therefore, parents and all other spectators must:

- ◆ Remain in the designated viewing areas during competitions.
- ◆ Refrain from coaching athletes from the stands during games to allow players to hear their coach and maintain focus.
- ◆ Maintain self-control at all times.
- ◆ Encourage & model sportsmanlike conduct by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- ◆ Respect the judgment of coaches and game officials.
- ◆ Refrain from disrespectfully addressing, attempting to influence a decision or indicating objection to official's decision
- ◆ Refrain from any booing, taunting, degrading comments, profane language or gestures.
- ◆ Expect your child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect both in person and online.
- ◆ Praise athletes, including your own, for their efforts and accomplishments, not their faults.
- ◆ Inform and monitor friends of the family or family members who are in attendance of these expectations.
- ◆ Know the rules of the contest (visit <https://www.d11.org/Page/495> to view handbooks)
- ◆ Take 24 hours to reflect before contacting coach or AD with a concern. It is not appropriate to confront an official, coach or school administrator before, during or after a contest.
- ◆ Remember that children participate for the love of the game and to have fun and that the game is for youth- not for adults.

Colorado Springs School District 11 Fan Behavior Policy

Colorado Springs School District 11 and the Colorado High School Activities Association are committed to good sportsmanship, safety, and fair play. We believe respect for the opposing team, all coaches, game officials, and each other before, during, and at each contest is of the utmost importance. People participating in acts that conflict with good sportsmanship, safety, and fair play, are subject to ejection from our events and prosecution if appropriate. If you are asked to leave a District 11 contest, further actions will be taken, including suspension from future athletic events. Thank you in advance for making our events enjoyable for all parties. Your cooperation is appreciated, and we hope you enjoy our contests.

Data from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and the Colorado High School Activities Association shows that poor fan behavior is the leading cause of the national officials shortage. In Colorado Springs School District 11, we are taking a firm stance regarding poor fan behavior, and we will be a part of the officials shortage solution rather than continue to be a part of the problem.

If a fan and/or spectator is asked to leave a D11 contest by an official, administrator, or staff member for any reason, that fan will be suspended from D11 events for one calendar year, 365 days. If a suspended fan and/or spectator would like to appeal the suspension, they may call 719-520-2690 and set up an appeals meeting with the District's Director/Assistant Director of Athletics, the building-level athletic director, and the school's principal.

- ❖ EJECTION OF A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY OR FAMILY MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE MAY BE EXTENDED TO THE ATHLETE'S PRIMARY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Student Name _____ School _____

Parent Printed Name _____ Sport _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____