

**Jordan Middle School Athletics**  
**PARENT & SPECTATOR GUIDELINES**



**The following guidelines apply to anyone physically present at a school sponsored athletic event, at home or away, and to communication concerning school athletics sent through the use of electronics.**

**DO NOT:**

- Ridicule or berate players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent. This includes but is not limited to booing, taunting, using profane or degrading language or gestures.
- Encourage nor condone any practice or behavior that would endanger the health or well being of any participant.
- Ridicule any participant for perceived mistakes.
- Confront coaches or other school personnel in an inappropriate/antagonistic manner before, during or after games/practices. *Arrangements should be made to speak with coaches and/or administrators at an appropriate time and place. Scheduling a meeting with effective, cooperative, face-to-face communication is the best way to express concerns.*

**DO:**

- Understand that your attendance provides you with the opportunity and privilege to observe an athletic event. *It is not an appropriate time to air grievances.*
- Remember that interscholastic athletics is a part of the educational process.
- Remember that school sponsored athletic events are for the students, not adults.
- Be a positive role model by giving support to and showing respect for all players, coaches, officials, school personnel and other spectators.
- Be an advocate for treating players, coaches, officials, school personnel and spectators with respect and kindness regardless of race, gender, religion or perceived athletic ability.

- Support the decisions of coaches and officials.
- Teach that doing one's very best with integrity, a strong work ethic, a high level of effort, and cooperation with coaches is imperative to be successful in athletics.
- Learn and understand the rules of the game.
- Appreciate the efforts of the players, coaches and officials.
- Be generous when you win and gracious when you lose.
- CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM!

**PARENTS:**

- Be a "team" fan, not a "my child" fan.
- Encourage your child to discuss concerns and/or problems with the coach.
- Encourage the attainment of team goals rather than individual goals.
- Understand that criticism and disrespect teach your child the *EXACT OPPOSITE* of the lessons and purposes of interscholastic sports.

**Behavior that degrades a player, coach, referee, school official or another parent or fan is subject to disciplinary action by school personnel. Anyone who engages in this kind of behavior, or is removed from an interscholastic contest at the request of a game official or school administrator will be subject to the following:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> offense:** Meeting with school administrator
- **2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** Offender(s) will be prohibited from attending the next home athletic contest.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> offense:** Offender(s) will be prohibited from attending any GCPS athletic event for the remainder of the season or for a period of 3 months, commencing from the date of the second offense, whichever is longer.
- **4<sup>th</sup> offense:** Offender(s) will be prohibited from attending any GCPS athletic event for one full calendar year, commencing from the date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense.

WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM. WE EACH REPRESENT OUR FAMILY, OUR BLACK KNIGHT FAMILY! ;)

Thank you,

Makenzie Barnes

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