

SPECTATOR ADMISSIONS -- ATHLETIC EVENTS

No admission fee will be levied for spectators in attendance at interscholastic athletic events which are conducted on a public school campus in the Patchogue-Medford School District. No admission fee will be charged for interscholastic athletic events sponsored by the Patchogue-Medford School District but conducted on an off-campus site. Parent organizations or other interested groups may not charge an admission fee for interscholastic athletic events or games.

An admission charge for an interscholastic athletic event conducted on a school campus in the Patchogue-Medford School District may be levied when the event is sponsored by Section XI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. Such events occur when interscholastic athletic teams compete for league, conference, county, or New York State championships. On such occasions, the admission of spectators and the fee charged are to be governed by the policies of Section XI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Spectators will be admitted to specified viewing areas on the basis of the spectators' order of appearance at the entrance gate or door. The Superintendent of Schools, the Director of Athletics, or the school principal may establish reserved seating for spectators representing visiting opponents. School officials may also establish reserved seating for other spectators as requirements demand.

Prior to the start of an interscholastic athletic event where a crowd of more than 25 spectators is in attendance, the school principal or an official designee will make a public address statement reminding the spectators that the Patchogue-Medford School District endorses the "Spectator Code of Conduct," as adopted by Section XI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. The principal or the principal's designee will give notice that persons violating the "Spectator Code of Conduct" are subject to eviction from the campus. The school principal or the principal's designee is authorized to refer unruly spectators to police authorities, and with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, spectators who commit repeated infractions of the "Spectator Code of Conduct," or who commit an infraction serious enough to warrant police action, may be barred from viewing future athletic events in the Patchogue-Medford School District and/or other sites where Patchogue-Medford students might be competing in an athletic activity.

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The school principal will promulgate administrative regulations for the governance of spectators at each site on the school campus where interscholastic athletic events are conducted. Once the principal's regulations have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, the school principal will be obliged to publish them and to assure that chaperones, security guards, and school staff are fully informed of the local regulations and the "Spectator Code of Conduct," as adopted by Section XI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (**See attached Code of Conduct**).

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SUFFOLK COUNTY SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT*

1. Spectators are an important part of the game and should at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
2. Spectators should at all times respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
3. Wholesome cheering is encouraged.
4. Taunting, foul and abusive language, noisemakers, inflammatory remarks, and disrespectful signs and behavior are not acceptable.
5. Faculty supervised pep bands are permitted during dead ball time. However, spectator noise makers or sound devices are prohibited.
6. Spectators shall observe and obey the rules and regulations of the school concerning smoking, food and soft drink consumption, and use of lavatory facilities and parking of cars.
7. New York State Law prohibits alcoholic beverages of any kind on school property; the law further prohibits any person under the influence of alcohol to be on school property.
8. Spectators shall respect and obey all school officials, supervisors, and police at all athletic contests.

***Section XI, New York State Public High School Athletic Association**