

University Interscholastic League

Behavior Expectations of Spectators

Remember that you are at the contest to support and cheer for your team in a positive manner, and to enjoy the skill and competition- not to intimidate or ridicule either team, coaches, officials, or other fans.

Remember that school athletics is a learning experience for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people, just as you would praise a student working in the classroom.

A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.

Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.

Show respect for your team and opposing team players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.

Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.

Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, during, and after the game on or near the site of the event (i.e. tailgating).

Use only cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.

Be a positive role model at events through your own actions and by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.

Parents and spectators should be aware that the school can (and should) remove them from the premises and can prohibit them from attending future contests due to undesirable behaviors. Game officials can ask that school administrators have unruly fans removed from a contest facility. There is no such thing as a “right” to attend interscholastic athletics. Interscholastic athletics are considered a “privilege” and the spectator who avails themselves of it is expected to conduct himself or herself accordingly.

Keep in mind that you are a guest of the school, and that while winning is certainly an admirable goal, it is hollow if it comes at the expense of morals, ethics, and just plain common sense.

The school is responsible for the behavior of their spectators. **The school district can be and will be punished for actions of patrons in violation of UIL standards and rules.**

Jarrell ISD will enact the following consequences for spectator removal. (1) A spectator will receive one warning. If the spectator is removed for UIL behavior expectations after one warning, that spectator will be ban for the remainder of that sport season. (2) A spectator that causes Jarrell ISD to receive a strike under the new TASO policy will receive a ban for all Jarrell Athletic events for the remainder of the school year. A copy of the new TASO Three Strike Policy can be found on the Jarrell ISD web-site.

Jarrell ISD Parental Acknowledgement

I/We have read and understand the UIL Behavior Expectations of Spectators. I/We will adhere to these expectations while attending Jarrell ISD Athletic Events.

Parent Signature