# Roxbury High School Co-Curricular Event Code of Conduct

Roxbury High School, in association with the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, promotes interscholastic events and sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is an essential part of any athletic competition and is expected from athletes, coaches, officials, and fans. As a fan/spectator (student or adult) of Roxbury High School, we want you to be an example of positive encouragement while supporting our athletes, coaches, and officials. Our behavior should be positive, respectful, and encouraging of the athletes, coaches, officials, and the game.

## Roxbury High School Encourages:

- Commitment to Safety
- Enthusiastic and positive support of your team
- Good sportsmanship
- Family-friendly atmosphere
- Welcoming attitude to all fans and visitors

## Unacceptable Behaviors:

- Disruptive, disrespectful, or unruly behavior
- Fighting or physical violence of any type
- Foul, abusive, biased language or obscene gestures
- Rudeness to fellow fans or Roxbury School District personnel
- Negative comments directed at officials or individual participants
  Wearing of obscene or indecent clothing.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, and controlled dangerous substances at events.
- Use of profanity, threatening comments, or biased language before, during, or after an interscholastic event.
- Verbally harasses an official or participant (i.e., coaches or players from any participating school) by using names or uniform numbers.
- Entering the field of play – before, during, or after an interscholastic event.
- Physical altercation with an official, coach, player, school staff, school security, or spectator – before, during, or after an interscholastic event.
- Use of artificial noisemakers or other instruments intended to disrupt the interscholastic event or distract the participants during an interscholastic event.

Fans who display unacceptable behaviors will be subject to sanctions, including refusal of admittance, removal, and notification to the Roxbury Police Department.

**First Offense** - The spectator will schedule a meeting with the athletic director with resulting in action that may include removal from the next two home athletic contests of the same sport. A letter will be sent by the athletic director and principal to the spectator in question notifying them of the ejection and the dates of ejection.

**Second Offense** - The spectator will be removed from all home athletic contests and other school events and activities for one calendar year from the time of the infraction. A letter of ejection will be sent from the office of the Principal notifying the spectator of the remainder of the school year ejection.

**Third Offense**- The spectator will be removed from all home Roxbury High School athletic contests and other school events and activities for a two-year period. A letter of ejection will be sent from the office of the Superintendent notifying the spectator of the ejection. At the conclusion of the suspension, the spectator must schedule a re-entry appeal meeting with the principal and athletic director.

Any athletic official, including but not limited to contest officials, athletic director, principal, assistant principals, game site supervisors, and anyone else in an administrative role on the site, may uphold enforcement of an ejection.

While the Event Code of Conduct encompasses behavior expectations and consequences for both student and adult fans, Roxbury High School District Administrators may apply further consequences to a student ejected from a contest due to the student violating the Student Handbook.

Note: Due to the nature/severity of the action, school administrators reserve the right to impose the most severe penalty with the first offense if they deem it warranted.

In accordance with Roxbury Township Board of Education Policy (5535), students who exhibit behaviors or symptoms consistent with being under the influence of alcohol may be asked to be screened by a passive breath alcohol sensor device administered by a school official. A positive reading would result in the student being required to see a medical professional for a screening, as per the Substance Abuse Policy (5530).