

## **Union Catholic High School Athletic Department Spectator Code of Conduct**

The NJSIAA and its member schools are unified in expecting and enforcing a safe and positive environment for all student-athletes, coaches, officials, staff and spectators. Athletics are intended to be a rewarding experience, designed to teach sportsmanship and life lessons to all participants. There is no place in interscholastic athletics for negative, inappropriate or derogatory behaviors. Any such behavior by spectators will be addressed by the officials, school administrators, site supervisors or staff and will result in ejection from the event. If the spectator in question refuses to leave school grounds, play will be stopped until they vacate the premises. Spectators will be prohibited from attending future interscholastic contests based on their behavior. Please see the unappealable penalties listed below.

### **First Offense in Last 365 Days:**

- Two **(HOME)** game suspension from the sport ejected and all other **(HOME)** sporting events. The suspension ends at the end of the second home game.
- Parent/ Guardian/Spectator will be required to take the NFHS Sportsmanship Course and submit the certificate of completion to the Athletic Director prior to returning to on campus contests.
- Letter will be on file documenting the situation
- If the offense occurs during the last game of the season, the suspension will carry over to the next season of that sport.
- If the offense is committed by a Senior Parent with no games left on the calendar, they may be subject to school administrative discipline.

### **Second Offense in Last Calendar Year:**

- Four **(HOME)** game suspension from the sport ejected and all other **(HOME)** sporting events.
- Letter will be on file documenting the situation.
- Follow up meeting will be required with school administration (Athletic Director/Principal)
- If the offense occurs during the last game of the season, the suspension will carry over to the next season of that sport.
- If the offense is committed by a Senior Parent with no games left on the calendar, they could be subject to school administrative discipline.

**Third Offense in Last Calendar Year:**

- Indefinite suspension from all athletic events. A spectator may request a reinstatement meeting with school administration following a full year of suspension. The school is not required to reinstate, but may review on a case by case basis.