

## **Athletic Department/Public Relations Rules on Photographers on Sidelines/Courtside at Athletic Events**

The William Floyd School District allows sideline/courtside access at athletic events to credentialed media, yearbook and school personnel **only**.

Credentialed media includes those with a valid press pass issued to an accredited journalist or photojournalist working for a legitimate news organization.

Legitimate and credentialed news media members must request a game credential in advance by emailing [publicrelations@wfsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:publicrelations@wfsd.k12.ny.us) to request a game credential and to notify of planned attendance for security purposes.

For security and safety purposes, all others, unless allowed by the district, are **not** permitted sideline/courtside access to photograph athletic events. This includes photographers with their own personal business, website, etc. These individuals are more than welcome to take photographs from the stands or from outside of the fence lines, as long as they do not block or interfere with spectators trying to watch and enjoy the game.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Please note that media members assume all risk and danger incidental to the sport he or she is covering, as well as any risk or danger reasonably foreseeable while on the grounds covering the event, including but not limited to being struck by balls, players who may go out of bounds, etc., and releases the William Floyd School District from any and all liabilities resulting from injuries or personal property loss occurring before, during, or after actual play or while on site.

