

PUBLIC GUEST AND SPECTATOR CIVILITY

Lyon County School District (LCSD) employees shall treat parents and other members of the public with civility and respect, and expect the same behavior in return. It is the intent of the District to keep schools, administrative offices, and other school properties free from disruptions and prevent unauthorized persons from entering school district premises.

Accordingly, this policy promotes mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among District employees, parents/guardians and the public. This policy does not intend to deprive any person of his or her right to freedom of expression. Rather, the District seeks to maintain a safe, respectful, and harassment-free workplace and learning environment for students and staff. In the interest of presenting teachers and other employees as positive role models, the District encourages positive communication and discourages volatile, hostile, profane, or aggressive actions and language. LCSD expects public cooperation and support of such civility on school and District premises. NRS 392.910 and NRS 392.915 make it clear that it is unlawful for a person to violate the peace of any public school by threatening or assaulting any student or employee on any school property or premises, or to maliciously interfere with those peaceably assembled for school district purposes.

This is especially true when the public are gathered as spectators of extra/co-curricular or athletic events. No person will be allowed to use race-based, discriminatory, vile or indecent language/gestures towards student athletes, coaches or officials. All guests/spectators, especially adult guests/spectators are expected to control behavior and emotions remembering that they are to set a positive example for the students/children in attendance. All spectators are expected to adhere to the NIAA Spectator Policy (Appendix A) in addition to this policy and administrative regulations when attending a sanctioned event. Additionally, there are more specific expectations and rules outlined in other LCSD policies for student spectators and participants.

By adhering to this policy and administrative regulations, LCSD employees and public guests/spectators can effectively model expected behavior for students. This will create a safe, respectful, and civil environment in which all students can achieve their individual academic and personal goals.

Reference(s): NRS 392.910, NRS 392.915

PUBLIC GUEST AND SPECTATOR CIVILITY - ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

The following applies to parents/guardians and public guests of schools and District facilities:

Individuals who assault, threaten, disrupt, or interfere with persons peaceably assembled must leave school/District grounds immediately:

Any individual who disrupts or threatens to disrupt school operations extra/co-curricular or athletic events, threatens the health and safety of students or staff, willfully causes property damage, uses loud and/or offensive language, verbally, electronically, or in written form, that could provoke a violent reaction, or who has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on District premises will be directed by the school's principal or other responsible employee to immediately leave the school premises or other District property.

Directions to District employees dealing with such individuals:

If any member of the public chooses to engage in the behavior described above, the administrator or other responsible District employee will calmly and politely warn the individual to behave and communicate civilly. If the individual does not stop the behavior, the District employee will verbally notify the individual that the meeting, conference, visit, or telephone conversation is terminated. If the meeting, visit, or conference is on any District premises, the employee shall direct the individual to leave immediately. If the individual refuses to cease the unacceptable behavior, leaves after being warned, or comes back on school property, law enforcement shall be called and charges shall be filed in accordance with applicable statute.

Those choosing to violate this policy may also be subject to a "no trespass" ordinance from school/District administration. This may be applicable even if a citation is not issued by law enforcement.

Appendix A

The following applies to public guests and spectators at NIAA sanctioned events in addition to this policy:



Spectator Policy

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) is committed to providing a safe, positive, and sportsmanlike environment for all participants. Interscholastic events are extensions of the classroom, where student-athletes learn responsibility, teamwork, integrity, and perseverance. Spectators play a key role in shaping this atmosphere. This policy outlines expectations for spectator conduct, the rationale behind these standards, and establishes procedures for addressing misconduct.

Guiding Principles

- Student-athletes are students first; events support their growth and well-being
- Respectful behavior maintains the integrity of competition and ensures safety for all
- Officials, coaches, and event staff must be allowed to perform their duties without interference
- Positive support reinforces the values of education-based athletics

General Expectations for Spectator Conduct

All spectators attending NIAA-sanctioned events are expected to:

- **Demonstrate Respect and Sportsmanship**
 - Support student-athletes in a positive manner
 - Show respect toward players, coaches, officials, opponents, and other spectators
 - Applaud effort and good play by all teams, not just one's own
- **Refrain from Abusive or Disruptive Behavior**
 - No profanity, derogatory remarks, taunting, or verbal harassment
 - No personal attacks or comments related to race, gender, ability, religion, or personal identity
 - No incitement of conflict or attempts to intimidate participants or officials
- **Follow Instructions from Event Staff**
 - Comply with directions given by administrators, security personnel, and public address announcements
 - Respect designated seating and restricted/field access areas
- **Maintain a Safe Environment**
 - No throwing objects, entering the playing area, or interfering with the contest
 - Follow facility rules, including those regarding outside food, prohibited items, and smoking/vaping
 - Possession or use of alcohol, illegal substances, or weapons is strictly prohibited
- **Be a Role Model for Students**

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- Recognize that behavior sets an example for young athletes and students
- Keep the focus on learning, growth, and enjoyment of high school athletics

- **Examples of Acceptable Conduct**

- Cheer loudly for your team
- Bring signs that show support for your team
- Applaud outstanding play by all participants

Examples of Unacceptable Conduct

The following behaviors may result in a warning, removal, suspension, or other disciplinary action:

- Use of vulgar or profane language
- Confronting, berating, or approaching officials, coaches, or student-athletes
- Entering the competition area without authorization
- Physical or verbal threats toward anyone present
- Use of discriminatory or hate speech
- Inciting fights, attempting to provoke opposing spectators or teams
- Refusing to follow administrative directives
- Any conduct deemed by school administrators or NIAA officials to compromise safety or the spirit of sportsmanship

Rationale for Enforcement

This policy supports the mission of education-based athletics by:

- Protecting student-athletes' physical and emotional safety
- Ensuring contests are fair and free from intimidation or interference
- Reducing conflict and disorderly conduct that disrupts events
- Upholding the values of respect, responsibility, and sportsmanship
- Allowing officials and coaches to perform their roles without hostility

Procedures for Addressing Misconduct

- **Initial Warning**

- When appropriate, spectators may receive a verbal warning for minor or first-time misconduct.
- A warning may be issued by a game administrator, athletic director, school official, or security.
- Continued misconduct after a warning may result in removal from the event.

- **Immediate Removal from Venue**

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- Spectators may be removed **without warning** if behavior is severe, threatening, or disruptive. Removal may occur if:
 - Conduct compromises safety or sportsmanship
 - Behavior continues after a warning
 - The individual refuses to comply with staff instructions
 - Alcohol, drugs, weapons, violence, or harassment are involved

Failure to comply with removal instructions may result in law enforcement involvement.

- **Suspension from Future NIAA Events**
 - Depending on the severity of the incident, removal may also result in suspension from one or more future contests.
 - The host school, district, or NIAA may issue suspension decisions.
 - Restoration of attendance privileges may require:
 - A meeting with the school or NIAA administration
 - A written plan for improved behavior
 - Completion of sportsmanship or behavior-related course/training when appropriate
- **Law Enforcement Intervention**
 - If a spectator engages in unlawful behavior, threatens safety, or refuses to be removed, law enforcement may be contacted. Criminal charges may be pursued in accordance with local statutes.
- **Re-Entry Conditions**
 - Individuals removed from a contest may not re-enter the event unless granted permission by the event administrator
 - Future attendance may be contingent on demonstrating compliance with expectations outlined in this policy.

Participation in high school athletics is a privilege that brings communities together. The NIAA asks all parents, families, and fans to uphold these standards so that every event remains safe, respectful, and enjoyable for student-athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators alike.

Your support, sportsmanship, and positive energy matter. Help us keep education-based athletics a place where students can thrive.