Policy: Clear Bag Requirement for Athletic Events

1. Purpose:Thepurposeofthispolicyistoenhancethesafetyandsecurityofallparticipants,attendees,and staff at athletic events by implementing a clear bag requirement. This policy aims to minimize potential risks associated with unauthorized items and facilitate efficient security screening processes.
2. Scope:ThispolicyappliestoallathleticeventsorganizedorhostedbySt.MartinParishSchoolBoardatits facilities, including but not limited to stadiums, arenas, fields, and gyms. This policy encompasses all participants, attendees, staff, vendors, and any other individuals present at the athletic events.
3. ClearBagRequirement:
    1. Onlyclearbagsmeetingthespecifiedcriteriaoutlinedinthispolicywillbeallowedinsidetheevent premises. Non-compliant bags will be prohibited from entry.
    2. Clearbagsmadeofplastic,vinyl,orPVCmaterialarepermitted.Bagsmadeofmeshorotherclear materials that provide visibility of the contents are also acceptable.
    3. Themaximumsizeofaclearbagshouldnotexceed12”x12”x6”.
    4. Smallclutchpursesorwallets,notexceeding5.5”x7.5”,maybeallowedalongsideaclearbag,butthey can be subject to separate inspection.
    5. Diaperbags,withachildinattendance,maybepermittedafterinspectionandapprovalbyeventstaff, provided they adhere to the size limits specified in section 3.3. 3.6 All bags brought into the event premises are subject to search by authorized security personnel.
4. ProhibitedItems:
    1. Allattendeesandparticipantsareprohibitedfrombringingthefollowingitemsintotheevent premises:
        a. Backpacks,duffelbags,andlargepursesthatdonotcomplywiththeclearbag requirement.
        b. Coolers,glasscontainers,cans,oranyotherunauthorizedbeveragecontainers.
        c. Weaponsoritemsthatmaybeusedasweapons,includingfirearms,knives,explosives, and sharp objects.
        d. Alcohol,Illegalsubstances,drugs,ordrugparaphernalia.
        e. Outsidefoodandbeverages,unlessmedicallynecessaryorforinfants/youngchildren.
        f. Anyotheritemdeemedunsafe,inappropriate,oragainsttheevent'spoliciesbyevent organizers or security personnel.
5. ComplianceandEnforcement:
    1. Allattendees,participants,staff,vendors,andindividualspresentatathleticeventsmustcomply with this policy.
    2. SchoolAdministrationshallcommunicatethispolicytoallrelevantstakeholders,includingbutnot limited to ticket holders, participants, and staff, through various channels such as event websites, ticketing platforms, signage, and pre-event communications.
    3. Securitypersonnelwillenforcethispolicybyconductingbaginspectionsanddenyingentryto individuals with non-compliant bags or prohibited items.
    4. SchoolAdministrationreservestherighttorefuseentryorejectindividualswhodonotcomplywith this policy or pose a threat to the safety and security of the event.
    5. Anyexceptionsorspecialcircumstancesrelatedtothispolicymustbeapprovedinadvanceby School Administration.
6. ReviewandAmendments:
    This policy will be periodically reviewed to ensure its effectiveness and may be amended as necessary to address changing safety and security requirements or circumstances. Amendments to this policy will be communicated through appropriate channels to inform all relevant stakeholders