

Wheeling Parochial League Spectators' Standards for Behavior

1. Show respect to home and visiting team's players, coaches, fans and referees.
2. Cheer FOR YOUR TEAM and not against the opponent.
3. Serve as a positive role model by exhibiting sportsmanlike conduct and Christian behavior at all times.
4. Spectators are not to go on the field, track or court for any reason.
5. NO booing or berating of players, coaches, or officials.
6. NO use of vulgar language.
7. NO stomping or pounding of the bleachers during basketball foul shots.
8. No public intoxication.
9. Any other behaviors for which the referee has warned the spectators.

Infractions of the above standards may result in:

1. An initial warning by the referee to the responsible individual or group.
2. Removal or ejection of the individual or group from game. If an individual or group is ejected from a game, there is an automatic one game suspension and possible suspension from all future games.
3. If the problem is so severe that it is impossible to identify an individual or small group, there will be a suspension of the game and an automatic forfeiture of the violating school.

"Without balance, self-control, moderation and the ability to interact honestly with others, an athlete is unable to understand the full meaning of physical activity, which is meant to strengthen not only the body but the mind and heart. Sometimes, unfortunately, incidents occur in the sports world that degrade the real meaning of competitiveness and affect not only athletes but the community itself. In particular, the passionate support of one's team must never reach the point of offending persons or damaging the community's property. Every athletic competition must always preserve the character of healthy and relaxing recreation." - Pope John Paul II -