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SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING AN ATHLETIC EVENT

When hosting an athletic event the home team should:

- Provide an environment that is free of safety hazards. Provide appropriate number of supervisory personnel for the activity.
- Develop a plan of action to address inappropriate behavior at interscholastic contests. This procedure should be discussed and explained to all involved.
- Make contact with the visiting school's administrator and / or coaching staff.
- Meet and accompany visiting schools and officials to their locker rooms.
- Assure that visiting team and officials' locker rooms are secure.
- Escort officials and visiting team from playing area to their locker rooms at the completion of the contest.
- Provide the same services that are available to the home team to the visiting team, such as an athletic trainer, filming area, access to the press box, whiteboards, etc.
- Provide beverages and food to officials prior to, during and after contests whenever possible.
- Allow only positive cheers that boost their own team / spirit without antagonizing the opponents or the officials.
- Establish a designated area for cheerleaders to stand that causes the least distraction to players.
- Provide students and fans from the visiting school adequate seating and cheering areas. During playoff or rivalry contests, the student sections shall be specifically marked and separated (such as by ropes, pennants, or other barrier) from the general spectator seating areas. In the interest of sportsmanship and positive behavior, the student sections for competing teams shall not be adjacent to each other or directly behind the bench of the opposing team.
- Monitor the music played by bands, performance groups or over the PA system to assure that it is appropriate and is played at the proper time during the athletic contest.
- Have the public address announcer read a prepared citizenship / sportsmanship message prior to each contest.
- Assure that the announcer acts in a professional manner absent of emotional favoritism and editorial comment.
- Remain at the site upon completion of contest to assure that all needs and concerns are met.
- An administrator from each participating school, the host site administrator and representative of the game officials shall make contact prior to game time to reiterate the site's guidelines for student cheer and spirit groups, discuss the sportsmanship goals of the contest, and confirm the physical location of the school administrators during the contest.

INDOOR CONTESTS

- At least one empty row must serve as a buffer between the floor and the student sections.
- The student sections for competing teams shall not be directly behind either goal or directly behind the bench of the opposing team.
- At no time should cheerleaders be stationed directly underneath the goal.