



# Waterford School District

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## Waterford School District Spectator Sportsmanship Expectations

Waterford School District is committed to the health and safety of our student athletes, as well as creating a positive experience for all who participate in or attend our athletic events. As such, Waterford School District is working in partnership with Lakes Valley Conference and Michigan High School Athletic Association to improve sportsmanship at all levels of sports participation. When coaching staff, athletes and parents are working together for the good of the team, all stakeholders benefit by creating a positive environment that will promote a quality experience for our students.

As a parent/guardian of a student-athlete in the Waterford School District, there are certain behaviors we should model for our students. It is important to remember that attending a Waterford School District event is a privilege. While it is understood that the nature of athletics is competitive and sometimes emotional, it is important for the safety and well-being of all, that all spectators display behaviors appropriate to the family nature of these events.

Therefore, we ask the parents of our student-athletes to help us in ensuring a positive experience for all by adhering to the behaviors below. This document details the acceptable guidelines of behavior by a spectator, which will help us to ensure our events remain safe, engaging and fun family activities.

In keeping with that goal, the expectations are that spectators will:

- provide positive encouragement to athletes.
- maintain the position as a spectator in the stands and refrain from attempting to address the coach during the event.
- demonstrate good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior at all times.
- be respectful and sportsmanlike toward all officials, players, coaches, other spectators, and all participants within the athletic event.
- refrain from using inappropriate language (swearing, vulgarity), crude gestures, verbally harassing, confronting, taunting and badgering; officials, players, coaches, other spectators.
- assist in ensuring guests within your party understand these expectations.
- notify school personnel of any concerns you have about safety or behaviors so they can respond.
- contact the coach with concerns about the athletic program outside of the event times and location when it can be conducted in a calm and respectful manner.
- follow the Waterford School District Interscholastic Student-Athlete Code of Conduct “Conflict Resolution Procedure” (chain of command), on page 6 of the Code of Conduct; when addressing a concern.

*These standards of sportsmanship will assist Waterford School District in providing positive support and encouragement for every student and family in interscholastic athletics. We are asking all parents of our student-athletes to sign this document to indicate that you have read and understand these guidelines. Please understand that these standards will be upheld regardless of signature. Infractions of these guidelines will result in consequences that may include removal from a contest, short-term suspension from athletic events, completion of an on-line spectator sportsmanship course, and/or long-term suspension from athletic events. Together, let's make this a great year for our Waterford athletic community!*

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(Name of Student Athlete)

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(Name and Signature of Parent/Guardian)

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*Inspire, educate, and empower our students for their future!*