

Bryan City School District Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

The Bryan City School District Board of Education supports a philosophy of athletic competition that is guided by the highest standards of good sportsmanship and fair play. To this end, parents must recognize that student participation in sports and extracurricular activities is an extension of the classroom and that parental participation in these activities is a privilege. Therefore, we expect the parents and spectators to adhere to the following Code of Conduct.

As a parent and/or spectator, I hereby pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending a Bryan City School District athletic program or event and shall conform my behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

- I will remember that children participate to have fun.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, and will never berate my child for his/her performance.
- I will inform a coach or assistant coach of any physical disability or injury that may impact the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I, and my guests, will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, school district employees, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or other athletic event.
- I, and my guests, will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any practices or behaviors that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, school employees, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, national origin, color, sex or ability.
- I will not criticize, belittle, antagonize, or otherwise incite the opposing team(s), its players, coaches, fans or officials/judges verbally or through physical gestures.
- I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of all the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the authority of officials/judges during games and will never question, discuss, or confront them before, during or after the game.
- I will discuss any concerns I have with the coaching staff in person at a scheduled meeting rather than in front of players, spectators, or others. I also recognize that the use of impersonal, electronic, or handwritten means of expressing concerns is not an acceptable substitute for effective, cooperative, face-to-face communications.
- I will not make inappropriate, hurtful, offensive, abusive, or racist comments about players, coaches, or officials in person or online.
- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all athletic events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

It is a privilege, not a right, for parents and spectators to observe interscholastic athletic and extracurricular events. Any behavior that degrades a player, coach, referee, school official or other parent or spectator is subject to disciplinary action by school personnel. Further, anyone who engages in misconduct as described above will be subject to the following:

- Verbal warning by officials, the head coach, and/or school administration.
- Written warning by school administration.
- Immediate expulsion from an athletic event where the violation takes place.
- Suspension from attendance at an upcoming athletic event with written documentation of incident kept on file.
- Suspension from attendance at any upcoming athletic events for a period of up to three (3) months as determined by school administration, commencing from the date of the last committed offense, with written documentation of incident kept on file.
- Suspension from attendance at any school district athletic event for one full calendar year, commencing on the date of the last committed offense, and written documentation of the incident kept on file.

School district administration reserves the right to determine what discipline, if any, will be given for violations of the Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct. A Parent or Spectator who commits a more serious violation of the Code of Conduct as determined by school administration may be expelled immediately or suspended from future games or athletic events without first receiving a verbal or written warning.

Parent Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the above statement and as the parent/guardian understand that attending school district athletic events and extracurricular activities is a privilege. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards of the Bryan City School District Board of Education and the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play in interscholastic athletics. I understand that if disciplinary actions are taken by school personnel (athletic director or school administration) in order to enforce this agreement I have the opportunity to speak with the Superintendent about the decision and the Superintendent will have the final word on any action that is taken.

Student Name (Please Print)

Parent Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date