

Spectators Code of Conduct

Behavioral Expectations of Spectators

- Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student/athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people.
- A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student/athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.

Acceptable Behavior . . .

- Applause during introduction of players, coaches, and officials.
- Accept all decisions of officials.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches at end of contest, regardless of outcome.
- Treat competition as a game, not a war.
- Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
- Applause at end of contest for performances of all participants.
- Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display only sportsmanlike conduct.

Unacceptable Behavior . . .

- Yelling or waving arms during opponent's free throw attempt, serve, etc.
- Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs, or gestures.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision.
- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
- Yells that antagonize opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
- Blaming loss of game on officials, coaches, or participants.
- Laughing or name-calling to distract an opponent.
- Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.

Parents/Fans Code of Conduct

PVCS believes that sportsmanship is a core value and its promotion and practice are essential. This code of conduct applies to all parents/fans involved in interscholastic athletics and activities.

1. Parents/Fans will promote academic, emotional, physical, and moral well being above desires and pressure to win.
2. Parents/Fans will teach, enforce, advocate, model, and promote the development of good character to include:
 - a. Trustworthiness
 - b. Respect
 - c. Responsibility
 - d. Fairness
 - e. Caring
 - f. Citizenship
3. Parents/Fans will respect participants, officials, opponents, and all others involved.
4. Parents/Fans will promote fair play and uphold the spirit of the rules in the activity.
5. Parents/Fans will model appropriate behavior at all times.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I may be forbidden from attending games or practices if I violate any of its provisions. I will also help promote good sportsmanship in my own and in others actions.

Signature

Date