
MY PARENTS EMBARRASS ME AT GAMES WHEN THEY:

Coach from the sidelines

Engage in fighting

Argue and yell inappropriate comments

Use aggressive language

Attend practices

Approach the bench

Argue with referees/officials

Complain about coaching

Try to coach

When they think they understand something they don't

Show up on the field

Yell to opposing players

Approach my coach

Argue about playing time

Cheer for me at the wrong time

Get too involved with coaches

Approach our Athletic Director or Principal



NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT



A Parent & Spectators Guide to Improving Youth Sports

Grand Island Vikings

Kenmore East Bulldogs

Kenmore West Blue Devils

Lewiston-Porter Lancers

Lockport Lions

Niagara Falls Wolverines

Niagara Wheatfield Falcons

North Tonawanda Lumberjacks

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The member schools of the Niagara Frontier League encourage the attendance of students, parents and interested members of the community at all athletic events. We further encourage their active support of these events by participating in those activities which lend themselves to stimulating student achievement, and which follow guidelines outlined in this publication. It is not our intent to reduce the involvement of spectators or the enjoyment of those who participate. Rather, it is our goal to create an atmosphere which is conducive to healthy athletic competition, is safe for those involved, and which provides the ideals of sportsmanship and sound educational practices.

SPECTATOR REGULATIONS

- ◆ Spectators are an important part of the game and shall at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
- ◆ Spectators shall at all times respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
- ◆ Wholesome and positive cheering is encouraged.
- ◆ Taunting, foul and abusive language, noisemakers, inflammatory remarks, and disrespectful signs and behavior are not acceptable.
- ◆ Faculty supervised pep bands are permitted during dead ball time. However, spectator noise makers or sound devices are prohibited.
- ◆ Spectators shall observe and obey the rules and regulations of the school concerning smoking, food and soft drink consumption, and use of lavatory facilities and parking cars.
- ◆ New York State law prohibits smoking, alcoholic beverages of any kind on school property; the law further prohibits any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs to be on school property.
- ◆ Spectators shall respect and obey all school officials, supervisors, and police at all athletic contests.
- ◆ Respect the playing of the game and appreciate and enjoy the efforts of the participants.
- ◆ Recognize the officials as persons of integrity and qualification, and respect their decisions accordingly.
- ◆ Refrain from creating disturbances that would be detrimental to the flow of the game and/or the safety of the participants involved.
- ◆ Respect for all players, coaches and officials, regardless of team loyalty, is essential for raising the standards of good sportsmanship.
- ◆ Be a positive supporter and model by encouraging the positive aspects of play. Refrain from sideline coaching.
- ◆ Maintain a distance from players and coaches during games and contests. (Team benches are for use of team members only.)
- ◆ The use of name calling, sexual harassment or badgering is prohibited.
- ◆ Any concern resulting from the participation of the players, coaches or officials should be addressed at a time other than immediately at the conclusion of the game or event. The athletic department administrators and your child's coach will always try to be receptive to your input.

NFL STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In our previous work sessions our league's Student Advisory Committee (SAC), made up of athletes from our league membership crafted the following:

Niagara Frontier League

Code of Conduct for Parents, Spectators & Fans

I Will Always

Respect the decision of the officials

I Will Be

Supportive and keep my comments positive

I Will Never

Do anything to deter the players' love of the game

I Will Refrain

From entering the field of play during or immediately after the contest for safety reasons

I Will Never

Use profanity or physically attack a person, player, coach, or official

I Will Do

Everything in my power to negate trash talking!

It's NOT a healthy part of interscholastic athletics

I Recognize

The emotional & physical well-being of the players is first, before my desire to win

I Will Encourage

A safe and healthy environment for both teams

I Will Remind Myself

That the game is for the kids & not the adults

We, the Student-Athletes of the Niagara Frontier League,

Sincerely hope that IF all the parents, spectators, and fans can follow & abide by these rules, the GAME will be much more enjoyable for all

