

## ***Sportsmanship Zero Tolerance Policy***

***Purpose of meeting:*** how to make this season safe and productive at athletic events.

Everyone has role to:

***Educate*** ourselves to understand the impact our words and actions have

***Expectations*** of conduct must be universally high for everyone

***Enforce*** all rules fairly and consistently

Last season there were several situations involving unacceptable/racist comments along with inappropriate actions that caused unsafe situations for athletes, officials and spectators. In order to reduce the risk for events to become unsafe there will be a zero tolerance policy for the 2019 season.

### ***Zero Tolerance Policy:***

Officials have been instructed to flag, card and/or eject players, coaches and/or spectators who may be using inappropriate language, and/or saying any negative/derogatory statements that may offend anyone and everyone attending athletic events. Games could be postponed until offenders are removed.

***\*Let the players play***

***\*Let the coaches coach***

***\*Let the officials officiate***

***\*Let's all be positive***

Athletic Directors will be contacted regarding ways to inform coaches, athletes and parents of roles and expectations. There will also be suggestions for host schools to have proper supervision for both home and away schools.

### ***Spectators Code of Conduct:***

1. Spectators are expected to direct all energies to encourage your team.
2. Spectators must avoid actions, which offend visiting teams, individual players and fans.
3. Spectators are encouraged to show your appreciation of the good play from both teams, coaches and officials.
4. Spectators should learn the rules of the game in order to be an educated fan.
5. Spectators must treat all visiting teams in a manner in which you would expect to be treated.
6. Spectators may not always agree but must accept the judgement of the coaches and officials.
7. Spectators should encourage other spectators to participate in the sport in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

The goal of the 2019 season is to have a fun and safe environment for players, coaches, officials and spectators. Everyone at the athletic contests should appreciate and respect the effort, the commitment and passion for everyone involved.