



MCKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Spectator Code of Conduct

Instances of disruptive behavior by spectators at school-sponsored athletic contests lessens the educational value of the activity and results in a loss of esteem for the participants and those in attendance. Therefore, McKenzie Special School District expects spectators to conduct themselves with the highest level of decorum. The health and safety of our student-athletes is paramount, and we want all participants to enjoy sports contests free of disruptions.

Designated personnel shall remove those engaging in unruly behavior, which consists of, but is not limited to:

1. Using foul or obscene gestures or language directed at players, coaches, game officials, game administrators, and/or other spectators; (this includes before, during, or after the contest)
2. Disrupting the contest in any manner (e.g. coming onto the floor/court, throwing objects, etc.);
3. Using alcohol or smoking/vaping while attending the contest; or
4. Exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct that is not reflective of appropriate behavior toward another individual.

Spectators who engage in unruly behavior and are ejected by the contest's assigned game official(s) will be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

1. **First offense:** The spectator is banned from attending all MSSD athletic events (home or away) for a minimum of one (1) week (7 calendar days) and required to reimburse the school prior to returning to any school athletic event for any fines* the school is responsible for paying as a result of the spectator's behavior.
2. **Second offense:** The spectator is banned from attending all MSSD athletic events (home or away) for a minimum of one (1) month (30 calendar days) and required to reimburse the school prior to returning to any school athletic event for any fines* the school is responsible for paying as a result of the spectator's behavior.
3. **Third offense:** The spectator is banned from attending all MSSD athletic events (home or away) for a minimum of one (1) year (365 calendar days) and required to reimburse the school prior to returning to any school athletic event for any fines* the school is responsible for paying as a result of the spectator's behavior.

If the school's game administrator and/or other school/district staff member ejects a spectator prior to the contest's assigned official(s) requesting an ejection, and a fine is not imposed on the school, the spectator will still be banned for the designated time period as noted previously for each offense. All spectator suspensions begin the day following the ejection.

After each offense, the spectator will meet with the School Principal to discuss his/her behavior and review expectations. Failure of the spectator to meet with the School Principal does not negate the ban, and the ban will stay in effect until which time the meeting is held between the spectator and School Principal. The Director of Schools shall be notified if a spectator is ejected from a school-sponsored event.

**The Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) fines membership schools \$250.00 for any spectator who comes onto the field/floor during an incident or is ejected by the contest's game official(s) due to unsportsmanlike conduct at an athletic contest. The fine must be paid before the ban is lifted, even if the ban timeframe has passed.*