

## SUBURBAN ONE LEAGUE

### ATHLETIC

### EXPECTATIONS

### PRE GAME STATEMENT

(To be read by public address announcer prior to start of event)

*"The Suburban One League promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or sexist comments or other intimidating actions at officials, student-athletes or team representative will not be tolerated. Individuals making such remarks may be removed from the site of competition. Also, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages and use of artificial noisemakers are prohibited."*

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To develop measures of understanding and commitment to  
FAIR PLAY, ETHICAL BEHAVIOR AND INTEGRITY  
pertaining to Administrators/Coaches/Student Athletes/  
Students/Spectators/Officials





## CODE OF CONDUCT

In the interest of continued good relationships in the field of athletics, all spectators are asked to

1. Show their respect for their country by standing attentively and remove hats when the American flag passes and during the playing and singing of the National Anthem.
2. Show their respect by standing for the Alma Maters of both schools.
3. Conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times, showing respect for visiting players and injured athletes, by not booing participants on the playing area and by respecting property.
4. Show respect for the game officials and refrain from booing their decisions or interfering with their control of the contest.
5. Recognize that vulgarity and indecent gestures are unacceptable.
6. Cheer under the organized guidance of the cheerleaders. Cheers to interfere with the opponent's cheering are unacceptable. Foot stamping in the stands is to be eliminated.
7. Recognize that noisemakers and signs in any gymnasium or at any indoor contest are unacceptable.
8. Recognize that littering premises, throwing of confetti or paper and tossing objects onto the playing area are unacceptable.
9. Support musical groups for indoor activities. However, such groups must be organized, school sponsored and supervised to play only before games and during half-time.
10. Food and beverage to be in designated areas. The gymnasium and pool area are not acceptable areas for the consumption of food and beverages.
11. Follow the code of conduct for promoting good sportsmanship, adult and students alike.

Suburban One Schools reserve the right to eject any spectators whose conduct is detrimental to good sportsmanship. Misbehavior at sporting events may lead to prosecution or school disciplinary action.

### Who is Responsible

The Suburban One League has identified five target groups within the high school community that are responsible for conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Following are the expectations of these groups.

#### Expectations of Student Participants

- Treat opponents with respect; shake hands prior to and after contests.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the contest and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- Cooperate with officials, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
- Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing school and community; display positive public action at all times.
- Live up to high standard of sportsmanship established by coach.

#### Expectations of Coaches

- Always set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the No. 1 priority.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the event and display no behavior that could excite fans.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect. Shake hands with officials, opposing coach in public.
- Develop and enforce penalties for participants who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

## Expectations of Parents and Other Fans

- Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support high school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
- BE A FAN... NOT A FANATIC.

## Expectations of Spirit Groups

- Stimulate desired crowd response using only positive cheers, signs and praise without antagonizing or demeaning opponents.
- Treat opposing spirit groups and fans with respect.
- Recognize outstanding performances on either side of the playing field or court.
- Know rules and strategies of the contest in order to cheer at proper times.
- Maintain enthusiasm and composure, serving as a role model.

## Expectations of School Administrators

- Develop a program for teaching and promoting the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship within the school, the league/conference and state.
- Provide appropriate supervisory personnel for each interscholastic event.

- Support participants, coaches and fans who teach and display good sportsmanship.
- Recognize exemplary behavior and actively discourage undesirable conduct by participants, coaches and fans.
- Attend events whenever possible.

## Expectations of Officials

- Accept role in an unassuming manner. Showboating and overofficialing are not acceptable.
- Maintain confidence and poise, controlling contest from start to finish.
- Know rules thoroughly and abide by established Code of Ethics.
- Publicly shake hands with coaches of both teams before contest.
- Never exhibit emotions or argue with participants and coaches when enforcing rules.

## Ejection From An Athletic Contest

A coach or student/athlete removed from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct (this includes pre or post game unsportsmanlike conduct) will receive a mandatory minimum one game suspension. The suspension to be the next game. This rule to be in effect for LEAGUE, NON-LEAGUE AND POST SEASON PLAY.

## Right of Appeal

An appeal of the game suspension may be made by the Principal and Athletic Director. The appeal will be forwarded to the Executive Secretary of the SOL. A representative of the three divisions, not involved, will by conference call, review the appeal and reject or accept the appeal.