

# OLMA - CODE OF CONDUCT



## ARTICLE XV: SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS

Spectators have an important role in the success of an athletic program. If the program is going to be successful, spectators must encourage good sportsmanship, courteous treatment of visitors and absolute respect under all conditions.

**Unsportsmanlike conduct** includes, but is not limited to, actions of a spectator who:

- Engages in a physical altercation or contact with or physically abuses an official, coach, player, school event staff, or other spectator – before, during, or after an interscholastic event.
- Intentionally incites participants or spectators to violent or abusive action.
- Uses obscene gestures or profane or unduly provocative language, threatening comments or action towards an official, opposing coach, player, event staff or spectator before, during, or after an interscholastic event.
- Engages in harassing verbal or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion at an interscholastic event.
- Verbally harasses an official or opponent participant (i.e., coaches or players from any participating school) by using names or uniform numbers.
- Leaving the designated Spectator area and/or entering the field of play – before, during, or after an interscholastic event.
- Use of artificial noisemakers or other instruments intended to disrupt the interscholastic event or distract the participants during an interscholastic event.

### **Disciplinary Actions:**

The member school's policy will include the following disciplinary actions for violations of the code of conduct:

- Immediate removal from the event and school premises.
- Suspension from the next home interscholastic event for a first offense.
- Longer suspensions from interscholastic events for multiple violations in a defined period of time (season, school year, calendar year, etc.).
- Completion of required educational component(s), before attendance at future home interscholastic events. Presentation to the school administrator in charge of athletics of required course completion (NFHS Certificates).

**\*\* If a visiting spectator must be removed from an event the OLMA AD (Admin) will notify the visiting schools AD and the Code of Conduct may be enforced by that school**

