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District Spectator Expectations

Sports are an excellent way to develop character and valuable life skills in our middle school students. Not only do athletics promote physical fitness, but it also allows students to show perseverance, self-motivation, and teamwork.

We encourage fan participation at our events and know our community takes pride in supporting our District 64 students. Our families' support and positive engagement are vital in creating a safe and enjoyable environment for our student-athletes.

As a District, we have high expectations of our student-athletes in regard to behavior, and we expect our parents and fans to adhere to those same expectations at all sporting events.

1. **SPORTSMANSHIP** - All spectators should demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. This includes respecting the decisions made by officials, treating opponents and their fans with courtesy, and refraining from negative comments or behavior that could detract from the game's spirit.
2. **POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT** - Cheer for our teams enthusiastically rather than negatively against the opposing team. Your cheers can lift the spirits of our student-athletes and make a significant difference in their performance.
3. **APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE AND BEHAVIOR** - Offensive language, gestures, or behavior will not be tolerated. We expect all spectators to maintain a respectful and inclusive atmosphere. Remember that your behavior sets an example for our young athletes. Show them how to win and lose gracefully, respect opponents, and work as a team.
4. **BOUNDARIES AND EVENT AREAS** - Please stay within designated spectator areas and avoid entering the playing field or court. This ensures the safety of everyone involved.
5. **TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL USE** - The use of alcohol or tobacco products is strictly prohibited at all middle school sporting events. This includes any electronic vaping devices. We aim to maintain a family-friendly atmosphere.

We believe adhering to these expectations will provide a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Our goal is to create an environment where our student-athletes can thrive and grow athletically and personally. Violating these expectations could result in removal from an athletic contest or revocation of spectator privileges at future events.

Together we discover, learn, grow and care.

