



## **Spectator Code of Conduct—Cincinnati Public Schools**

The Board of Education of Cincinnati Public Schools believes that teaching children lessons of good sportsmanship is one of the most important aspects of sponsoring interscholastic athletics and extra-curricular activities. Good sportsmanship includes winning and losing gracefully, playing fair and according to the rules, and respecting teammates, opponents, and officials.

Cincinnati Public Schools promotes good sportsmanship in all interscholastic athletic and extra-curricular events (e.g., band, mock trial, academic competition, etc.). Good sportsmanship is an essential part of any athletic competition or extra-curricular event and is expected from participants, adult coordinators and coaches, officials, and spectators. As a spectator (student or adult) of Cincinnati Public Schools we want you to be an example of positive encouragement while supporting our student athletes and participants. Our behavior should be positive, respectful and encouraging of the athletes and participants, adult coordinators and coaches, officials, and the game, activity or event.

Failure to follow this Spectator Code of Conduct may result in your immediate removal from the event and the following:

**First Offense**-The spectator will schedule a meeting with the athletic director or principal with resulting action that may include removal from the next two home athletic contests or events. A letter will be sent by the athletic director and principal to the spectator in question confirming the dates of removal.

**Second Offense**-The spectator will be removed from all home athletic contests or events and other school activities for the remainder of the school year of the infraction. A letter confirming the removal will be sent from the Principal notifying the spectator of the dates of the removal.

**Third Offense**-The spectator will be removed from all home Cincinnati Public Schools District athletic contests and other school events and activities for the remainder of the school year of infraction and potentially the following year. A letter confirming the removal will be sent from the District Athletic Manager and/or the Office of General Counsel.

*\*CPS has the discretion to adjust the above mentioned steps and impose a more serious sanction for especially disruptive conduct.*

Any athletic or event official, including but not limited to, contest officials, the athletic director or activities coordinator, principal, assistant principals, police officers, security, site supervisors and anyone else in an administrative role on the site, may uphold enforcement of an ejection.

While the Spectator Code of Conduct encompasses behavior expectations and consequences for both student and adult spectators, Cincinnati Public Schools administrators may apply further consequences to a student ejected from a contest due to the student violating the CPS Code of Conduct.