

MPS City Conference Code of Conduct

The following standards of conduct are set forth by MPS Interscholastic Athletics department to govern the behavior of students, coaches, officials, parents and spectators before, during, and after all MPS Interscholastic Athletic events.

It is important that we set an example for who we are and who we hope to be by adhering to the following:

Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support MPS City Conference high school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally rude or disorderly.

Athletic contests (home and away) are an **extension** of the classroom therefore all school rules are in effect.

No remarks shall be addressed to opposing players, coaches, spectators, or referees, except when comments convey genuine friendship and respect.

DO NOT enter the court of play for any reason and only if directed to do so by event staff.

Greet visiting teams with friendly applause and respectful communication at all times.

Respect the property of the school and the authority of event staff, school administration, and safety personnel on site.

Spectators can support both teams by refraining from derogatory or demeaning comments or cheers.

Applaud good play/sportsmanship by either team for penalties called against them.

Show respect for an injured player when she/he is removed from the game.

The use of obscene, profane, or abusive language, cheers, or remarks directed toward anyone in the event is strictly prohibited.

Throwing of objects of any kind is prohibited and those engaging in such behavior will be removed immediately from the event.

Encourage players to obey the rules and to accept decisions of officials.

No re-entry. Once you leave the gym, stadium, etc. you will not be permitted to return.

There will be no entry to any event 45 minutes after the scheduled start time begins

Number of tickets available may be limited due to capacity of our venues as many MPS facilities vary in size and configuration.

Any parent, guardian, and/or spectator engaging in unsportsmanlike behavior such as physical altercations, verbal abuse/taunting of student-athletes, coaches, officials, event staff, cheerleaders, and other attendees, or non-cooperation with officials/event staff requests will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the facility.

The instigation or participation in fights, melees, or any physical altercations before, during, or after athletic contests will result in the permanent removal of said spectator from the facility and/or possible permanent ban from all future MPS City Conference events.

Additionally, legal action (ie. No Trespass Order) can be taken against any spectator who engage in physical altercations before, during and/or after the MPS City Conference contests.

Treatment of Officials

Respect decisions made by contest officials.

Heckling, derogatory comments, or physical/verbal abuse of officials will not be tolerated at any time; spectators may be escorted out of the facility for negative behavior directed toward officials.

DO NOT approach, confront, or question an official before, during, or after a contest. If there is an issue take concerns to event staff.

Treatment of Coaches

Respect the judgment and strategy of the coach and the efforts made by players whether winning or losing. Coaches are giving hundreds of hours of time and energy and are committed to providing an environment that is conducive to player development and success.

Do not engage in banter with coaches on the bench or directly with any student-athlete pertaining to game strategy from the spectator area.

Failure to adhere to the above will result in the following in this order:

1. A verbal warning from the event staff and/or administrator on site.
2. Spectator or student will be escorted out of the facility at home or away games.

Any violation will be enforced throughout the school year, and a meeting with the MPS Interscholastic Athletics staff and/or school administration will be held prior to returning to another MPS City Conference Athletic Event.