

POLICY 280 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) believes that inter-school competition ~~is an important aspect of school culture and~~ provides students with opportunities to pursue excellence, engage in physical activity, ~~and to~~ develop their teamwork and leadership capacity. ~~and therefore is an important aspect of school culture.~~

It is important that these opportunities occur in an environment that is appropriate and positive, and that learning and fair play are a priority. Spectators at all school competitions are expected to support this philosophy and to adhere to the following ~~e~~Code of ~~e~~Conduct.

Code of Conduct:

1. I will show respect for my team's opponents and supporters ~~because without them there would be no game.~~
2. I will remember that participants play sports for their enjoyment, ~~and that t~~—They are not playing to entertain me.
3. I will ~~not~~ have ~~un~~realistic expectations, ~~and will~~—I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
4. I will respect the officials' decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
5. ~~I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game.~~ I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort ~~or I will remain silent.~~
6. I will ~~behave in a manner that supports the~~ supports the players, coaches, officials, or other spectators. ~~condemn the use of violence in any form. I will not use bad language or harass players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.~~
7. I will show respect for others by keeping my cheering at an appropriate volume ~~and avoid the not use use of prohibited noise-making devices, such as aerosol air horns, loud speakers (megaphones), whistles, and laser pointers).~~ ~~(the use of air horns is not permitted).~~
8. Should a situation arise with regard to the above, the game shall be stopped (at an appropriate time), and it shall be the responsibility of the home team administration, game director (if applicable), or home team head coach to immediately deal with the problem at hand. There shall be no penalty sanctioned regardless.
9. Enforcement of the Spectator Code of Conduct ultimately falls to the school principal.
8. ~~Enforcement of the Spectator Code of Conduct ultimately falls to the school principal. All coaches, sponsors, participants, and spectators are expected to support the school principal in this enforcement. I will not partake in the unlicensed use of legal or illegal substances.~~
9. ~~If a spectator fails to adhere to the code of conduct, it will be the responsibility of the coach/team rep to address the offending spectator immediately.~~