



Middle Township High School

Athletic Department

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Interscholastic Athletics Code of Conduct

While attending athletic events on school property, all spectators are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner as outlined below:

- Accepts the judgement and strategy of the coaches and does not criticize players or coaches for a loss of a contest.
- Accepts the judgement of the officials and does not respond negatively to their calls.
- Applauds positive performance. Does not heckle, distract players, and avoids the use of profanity and obnoxious behavior.
- Exercises self-control at all times, modeling appropriate behavior for others to follow.

The following **FREE** course, provided through the National Federation of High School Sports Associations, is **HIGHLY RECOMENDED** for ALL parents.

- Positive Sport Parenting
 - <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/positive-sport-parenting>

When a spectator at an athletic event on school property displays unsportsmanlike behavior, the following steps will be taken:

1. The athletic director or site manager will confront the unruly spectator and identify themselves. He/she will ask the spectator to refrain from displays of unsportsmanlike behavior as it is disruptive to the contest and not in the best interest of interscholastic athletics.
2. If the same spectator continues to display unsportsmanlike behavior, the athletic director or site manager will inform them that if they continue they will be asked to leave the property.

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3. If the same spectator continues to display unsportsmanlike conduct, the athletic director or site manager will instruct the spectator to leave the property and inform them if they refuse to leave the police will be called and they will be charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct.
4. If a spectator is ejected from the property, a certified letter will be mailed to the home of the disruptive person informing him/her that he/she is banned from attending future athletic events on school property for a period of time determined by the school administration. The letter will also inform them that future episodes of unruly behavior will result in being permanently barred from attending athletic events on school property.
5. If, in the opinion of the athletic director or game official(s), the safety of the participants, officials, or spectators is in jeopardy, the athletic director is authorized to clear the playing area of spectators before continuing the contest or to end the contest before its completion.

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