



Horseshoe Bend School District #73 Parental Sportsmanship Agreement

High school athletics are a very important part of our school and community, and the coaching staff at Horseshoe Bend Middle/High School have done their best to put a competitive team on the field/court; win or lose, a team you can be proud to support. Please understand, however, that attending an athletic event is a privilege, not a right, and fans will be expected to demonstrate proper sportsmanship during the athletic event. Horseshoe Bend School District #73 reserves the right to remove, or have removed, anyone who jeopardizes the safety of those involved in the athletic contest (players, coaches, officials, fans) or who abuse, either verbally or physically, anyone involved in the athletic contest.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS/FANS

- Respect the decisions made by the officials. This is often the most difficult aspect of proper sportsmanship to adhere to, but the officials are doing the best they can. Understand that officials don't receive much pay and are really doing the job for the love of the game and the kids, and despite what may seem obvious at the moment, are not intentionally making poor calls (or non-calls) against the team you are supporting.
- Please keep negative or inciting comments to yourself. Paying the entry fee to attend an athletic event does not give anyone the license to verbally abuse officials, players, coaches, or other fans. A verbally abusive fan embarrasses him/herself, the community, the team he/she is supporting, and most tragically for you parents, your own children who hear everything you shout. Keep it positive!
- Do not confront the coach before or after the contest with the following issues:
 - **Playing Time**
 - **Team Strategy**
 - **Play Calling**The coach is a professional who makes judgment decisions based on what he/she believes to be best for the team in general. They may not always be the right decisions, but as long as an athlete's safety is not in jeopardy, it is the coach's responsibility and right to make contest decisions without the fear of having to confront angry fans after the contest. Wait 24 hours after a contest to contact the coach.
- Follow the chain of command. If you have a complaint about the coach, please follow the proper chain of command below:
 1. Head Coach (See expectation above)
 2. Principal / Superintendent
 3. School Board Members
- Repercussions for poor sportsmanship:
 - 1st Offense
 - Warning
 - 2nd Offense
 - Removal from event
 - Suspension from next home game
 - 3rd Offense
 - Suspension from all home games for all sports for remainder of the school year
 - Name and likeness shared with other schools on our schedule with a recommendation they also enforce the suspension

Student-Athlete Name _____

By signing this form, I agree to the bulleted points above.

(Father or Legal Guardian)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Mother or Legal Guardian)

Signature: _____

Date: _____