



Goodland Junior-Senior High School



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Spectator Policy 2022-23

Parental Expectations

As parents of Goodland 7-12 students, we promote and expect exemplary sportsmanship from students, athletes, parents, coaches, staff, and all spectators.

Consequences

Violation of sportsmanship rules may include the following consequences: verbal warning, ejection, one or more game suspension, or a season-long suspension.

Removed Spectator Policy

Good sportsmanship is a sign of good character, and one of the chief goals of Goodland's Activities Program. Sportsmanship, while important for the participants of absorbing activity, is also of the highest importance for the spectator as well. Accordingly, there should be no room for a spectator to repeatedly get removed from athletic contests by the officials or administration. **We appreciate the passion and support that our spectators bring with them, and we ask that they use these energies to model for our students and opponents how to win with integrity and humility, and how to lose with grace.** The center of attention during an athletic event should be on the game and its participants, not on a spectator that insists on making a scene because they disagree with an official's call or a coach's decision. Any spectator who repeatedly fails to show good sportsmanship, or who otherwise engages in inappropriate or disruptive behavior may be removed from the event by any contest official or school administrator.

In an effort to raise the bar of sportsmanship at Goodland, the following consequences will be issued for spectators (adult or student; including employees of Goodland USD 352) that are removed from athletic contests: 16

First Offense- The removed spectator will be banned from attending ANY athletic contests in which Goodland HS or JH is a participant, for a period of 14 days (beginning with the date of removal). Should the season end before the 14 day period ends, the consequence will be carried over into the next sports season (i.e. Fall to Winter), with the count resuming on the day of the first scheduled athletic contest of that season.

Second Offense- The removed spectator will be banned from attending ANY athletic contests in which Goodland HS or JH is a participant, for a period of 45 days (beginning with the date of removal). Should the season end before the 45 day period ends, the consequence will be carried over into the next sports season (i.e. Fall to Winter), with the count resuming on the day of the first scheduled athletic contest of that season.

Third and Subsequent Offenses- The removed spectator will be banned from attending ANY athletic contest in which Goodland HS or JH is a participant for a period of one calendar year (beginning with the date of removal).

Exceptions will **not** be made for special events (i.e. Senior Night).

Attempts to enter a contest from which the spectator is banned **OR refusal to leave the contest when ordered to do so by an official or administrator** will be viewed as trespassing, and law enforcement will be called should the banned spectator refuse to leave the premises. The banned spectator will also be immediately subjected to the next punishment in the sequence (i.e. should a spectator that is banned for 14 days attempt to enter an athletic contest during that 14-day period, that spectator will now be banned for 45 days, starting from the date of the second infraction).

KSHSAA Rule 52 - CITIZENSHIP/SPORTSMANSHIP

INTRODUCTION—The effective American secondary school must support both an academic program and an activities program. We believe that these programs must do more than merely coexist—they must be integrated and support each other in “different” arenas. The concept of “sportsmanship” must be taught, modeled, expected and reinforced in the classroom and in all competitive activities. Therefore, all Kansas State High School Activities Association members stand together in support of the following sportsmanship policy.

PHILOSOPHY—Activities are an important aspect of the total education process in the American schools. They provide an arena for participants to grow, to excel, to understand and to value the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP and teamwork. They are an opportunity for coaches and school staff to teach and model SPORTSMANSHIP, to build school pride, and to increase student/ community involvement; this ultimately translates into improved academic performance. Activities are also an opportunity for the community to demonstrate its support for the participants and the school, and to model the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP for our youth as respected representatives of society. **Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action!**

ALL ACTIONS are to be FOR, NOT AGAINST; POSITIVE, NOT NEGATIVE or DISRESPECTFUL!

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: SPORTSMANSHIP is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship policy items are listed below for clarification:

- Be courteous to all (participants, coaches, officials, staff and fans).
- Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions.
- Win with character and lose with dignity.
- Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
- Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school.
- Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities.

Art. 2: Enforcement Procedure:

- It is encouraged and recommended by the Kansas State High School Activities Association that local boards of education adopt these regulations and reinforce them as indicated herein.
- The Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association shall be responsible for the interpretation of these regulations, including "desirable and unacceptable behavior" and shall publish them in the association's *Citizenship/Sportsmanship Manual*.