



Statement from Elmore City-Pernell Public Schools

The National Federation of State High School Associations, the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association, and Elmore City-Pernell Public Schools recognize the numerous potential benefits of participation by students in education-based activities. While education-based activities may differ between the stakeholder groups, all should be centered on optimizing the student's scholastic activity experience. Students will change, develop and expand abilities over time; coaches, administrators and parents should not only be cognizant of the fluid process, but also foster a safe, positive environment in which development can occur. The common goal for all the stakeholders involved with education-based activities should be to make the experience enjoyable and rewarding for all. (2019 OSSAA FB Manual, FB3)

On Friday, Sept. 27, an issue arose with our stakeholders in regards to their conduct after the high school district football contest with Dibble High School. Several of our patrons had a confrontation with the officiating crew and blocked their path to their changing area. The situation was diffused by school administration, with the help of several patrons who work in law-enforcement, additional school employees, and several concerned citizens. As a result of this situation, I would like to remind our patrons of ECP School Board policy GJ. According to Elmore City-Pernell School Board Policy GJ:

"The superintendent or principal of any school shall have the authority to order any person out of the school building and off the school property when it appears that the presence of such a person is a threat to the peaceful conduct of school business, school activities and/or school classes. This authority shall extend to the removal of any individual attending an official school activity or field trip where students are present, including an activity or field trip not on school property, when the superintendent or principal determines that a threat to the peaceful conduct of students exists. Any person who refuses to leave the school building or grounds after being ordered to do so by the superintendent or

principal, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more the \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Any person who is requested to leave the premises shall be unable to return to the premises without the written permission of the administration for a period of six months. A grievance or an appeal may be filed by the individual as per district policy GJ-P.”

This policy will be strictly enforced when it comes to the safety of our game officials. Specifically, any time when officials leave the playing area for any reason. Any spectator who obstructs an official’s path or attempts confrontation with an official either verbally or physically as they move off of the playing area will be banned for six months, as stated in the policy, from attending Elmore City-Pernell athletic activities at home or on the road. Verbally abusing, approaching, or physically blocking the path of these officials will not be tolerated in any way, shape, or form. If necessary, law enforcement will be contacted and the situation put in their control.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Willis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Willis
High School Principal
Athletic Director