

POLICY 280 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

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

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 Code of Conduct.

Code of Conduct:

1. I will show respect for my team's opponents and supporters.
2. I will remember that participants play sports for their enjoyment, and that they are not playing to entertain me.
3. I will have realistic expectations, and 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 give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort or I will remain silent.
6. I will behave in a manner that supports the players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
7. I will show respect for others by keeping my cheering at an appropriate volume and not use prohibited noise-making devices, such as aerosol air horns, loud speakers (megaphones), whistles, and laser pointers).
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.