



# **MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC HANDBOOK**

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# **GREATER CLARK COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

## **I. Philosophy**

The purpose of the middle school athletic program is to provide a program appropriate for the characteristics of the middle school student. The program is well rounded to allow for the exploratory needs of the middle school student. The program emphasizes extensive participation, varied exposure, and skill development. The highest standards of sportsmanship and equal opportunity will be stressed in all associated activities.

## **II. General Statements and Conditions**

- A. For the purpose of corporation unity, uniformity of programs, and equal opportunity for students, all Greater Clark Middle Schools will follow the established guidelines.
- B. Each school is responsible to do its utmost to enhance the educational value of this program.
- C. Each school will actively strive to avoid and to control the tendency to instill stress and pressure in order to win.
- D. IHSAA rules will serve as guidelines in all sports unless amended below.
- E. All officials will be paid according to Clark/Floyd recommendations.
- F. The Athletic Committee, in conjunction with the coordinator of each event, will make all decisions on inclement weather.
- G. Middle schools will charge \$5 admission for all (including seniors) adults. Student admission will be \$2 unless using PRIDE tickets to purchase a ticket. If a high school and middle school event are simultaneously occurring at the same venue, then the high school price will be used for both. Sign-ins will be limited to employees of the school hosting the event, HS coaches of the feeder program, school board members, GCCS administrators, administrators of the other schools involved in supervision of the event, driver of the team bus, and any other approved personnel. No PASS OUTS will be allowed and patrons will be required to pay upon reentry.

### III. Interscholastic Sports:

Potential Interscholastic sports are listed by grade level. Some of the sports listed may not be offered at each middle school.

SPORT	# OF TEAMS	TEAM MAKEUP	# OF PRACTICES BEFORE GAME COMPETITION	START DATE FOR PRESEASON WORKOUTS	START DATE FOR PRACTICE
<b>Basketball</b>	1	6th - Boys	6	6 Grade Boys: Nov 1 6 Grade Girls: Sept 1 7/8 Grade - Sept 1	6 Grade Boys: After Dec Tryouts 6 Grade Girls: After Fall Break 7/8 Grade - Oct 1
	1	6th - Girls	6		
	1	7th - Boys	6		
	1	7th - Girls	6		
	1	8th - Boys	6		
	1	8th - Girls	6		
<b>Cheerleading</b>	5 (maximum)	6th, 7th, 8th	6	10 days prior to the first day of school	First day of school
<b>Cross Country</b>	1	Boys: 6th, 7th, 8th	6	10 days prior to the first day of school	First day of school
		Girls: 6th, 7th, 8th	6		
<b>Football</b>	1-2	7th/8th	10	10 days prior to the first day of school	First day of school
<b>Swimming</b>	1	6th, 7th, 8th	6	Nov 1	First school day of January
<b>Tennis</b>	1	Boys: 6th, 7th, 8th	6	Boys: 10 days prior to the first day of school Girls: First school day of January	Boys: First day of school Girls: March 1
	1	Girls: 6th, 7th, 8th	6		
<b>Track</b>	1	Boys: 6th, 7th, 8th	6	First school day of January	March 1
	1	Girls: 6th, 7th, 8th	6		
<b>Volleyball</b>	1	6th	6	10 days prior to the first day of school	First day of school
	1	7th	6		
	1	8th	6		
<b>Wrestling</b>	1	6th, 7th, 8th	6	Nov 1	Dec 1

\*\* Voluntary workouts may be held for all sports 2 days per week at a maximum of 2 hours each during the time period of June 1-30.

## IV. Eligibility

### A. Age requirements

1. A sixth grade student who is or will be 14 years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals in a sport will be ineligible for inter school athletic competition in that sport; a sixth grade student who is 13 years of age on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals in a sport shall be eligible as to age for inter school athletic competition in that sport.
2. A seventh grade student who is or will be 15 years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals in a sport will be ineligible for inter school athletic competition in that sport; a seventh grade student who is 14 years of age on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals in a sport shall be eligible as to age for inter school athletic competition in that sport.
3. A eighth grade student who is or will be 16 years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals in a sport will be ineligible for inter school athletic competition in that sport; a eighth grade student who is 15 years of age on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals in a sport shall be eligible as to age for inter school athletic competition in that sport.

### IHSAA STATE FINALS DATES BY SPORT

<b>Girls</b>		<b>Boys</b>	
<u>Sport</u>	<u>Week of State Finals*</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Week of State Finals*</u>
Golf	13th	Tennis	16th
Soccer	17th	Soccer	17th
Swimming	32nd	Cross Country	17th
Cross Country	17th	Football	21st
Volleyball	18th	Wrestling	34th
**Basketball	35th	Swimming	34th
Gymnastics	37th	**Basketball	38th
Track	48th	Track	48th
Tennis	49th	Golf	50th
Softball	49th	Baseball	50th

\*Week 1= 7/4 (22-23)

\*\* The Sixth Grade season does not correspond with the IHSAA season.

## B. Minimum Academic Requirements

1. A student must pass all classes to participate in interscholastic competition.
2. A student who has failed a subject is on academic probation. While on probation, the student may practice in interscholastic competition. The probationary period lasts for three weeks. If the student continues to fail the subject(s) at the end of the probationary period, the student may not compete for the remainder of the grading period.

	<b>Quarter Dates</b>	<b>Mid Term Dates</b>	<b>Probationary Period</b>
<b>Quarter 1</b>	July 27 - Sept 30	Aug 29 - Sept 2	Oct 17 - Nov 4
<b>Quarter 2</b>	Oct 17 - Dec 16	Nov 14 - 18	Jan 3 - 20
<b>Quarter 3</b>	Jan 3 - Mar 17	Jan 30 - Feb 3	Apr 3 - 21
<b>Quarter 4</b>	Apr 3 - May 25	May 1 - 5	TBD

3. Exceptions are allowed only with the approval of the administration. All such exceptions must be considered individually.
4. In determining the eligibility of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in fall sports for the first grading period, his/her fourth nine weeks grade from the previous school year are to be used.

## C. Grade Levels

1. Sixth graders may not compete against eighth graders in basketball.  
If a scenario arises which would necessitate the need for a 6th grade student to compete against 8th grade students a written request would need to be submitted to the Director of Secondary Schools.
  2. Seventh and eighth graders may compete together if teams are structured as "A" and "B" teams or if the school is represented by only one team in a particular sport.
- D. It is the responsibility of the coach to certify to the physical activities director the age and academic eligibility of all members of his/her team. (See page 16, rule 15)
- E. The use of an ineligible team member in interscholastic competition will result in forfeit of all such contests for team sports and forfeit of individual points in individual sports.
- F. Pending Principal approval, students who receive shared-time instruction in a school may participate in the extra-curricular program of that school provided there is no

program available at their home school.

- G. The student must be present half of the school day to participate in an after school contest. The principal may exempt a student for extenuating circumstances.
- H. Any student assigned to home incarceration and wearing an ankle monitor will not be eligible to compete.

## **V. Awards**

All students participating in extra-curricular sports will receive recognition of participation for each of the sports in which they participate.

## **VI. Sixth Grade Programs**

### **A. General Rules for sixth grade interscholastic athletics.**

1. Sixth graders who are 14 before their sport's state finals are ineligible for sixth grade interscholastic competition. (See page 2)
2. A team or individual may play in games outside of Greater Clark County League play as scheduled by the athletic directors.
3. Practice will be limited to a maximum of 2 hours.

### **B. Basketball – General**

1. The girls' season will start after Fall break and run until Christmas Break. The boys' season will begin after Christmas break and run until the end of the 7th/8th grade season (mid February).
2. Girls' tryouts will be held after Fall break and boys' will be held between Dec 1 and Christmas break. Charlestown, River Valley, and Parkview will each have one girls and one boys' team. In situations where a lack of participant numbers warrant, 6th graders may play with 7th grade.
3. Preseason workouts for 6th grade Girls may begin Sept 1 and 6th grade Boys may begin Nov 1.
4. Preseason workouts & practices will be a two (2) hour maximum.
5. Practice for 6th grade Girls may begin after Fall Break and 6th grade Boys may begin after Dec tryouts .
6. The tournament will resemble the Clark/Floyd format used in 7th/8th grade.
  - a. Random Draw

- b. Single Elimination
  - c. Participating schools are Hazelwood, Highland Hills, Parkview, River Valley, Scribner, Silver Creek, Charlestown
  - d. Locations will be Scribner, Hazelwood, Highland Hills, or Silver Creek in order to use multiple courts.
  - e. Girls' tournament will be played the week before Christmas break. Boys' tournament will be played the week of the 7th/8th grade Clark/Floyd.
  - f. The host physical activities director will hire the officials for the tournament.
  - g. The tournament winner and runner-up will be awarded a team trophy.
7. Administration of games:
- a. Scheduled starting time for all games is 5:00 p.m. This starting time should be adhered to as strictly as possible. The physical activities directors of the schools involved in a game may alter the starting time by common agreement, preferably at least one day in advance.
  - b. The physical activities director of the host school is responsible for hiring officials and rescheduling cancellations for regular season games.
  - c. Time during game
    - (1) 10 minute warm-up
    - (2) 6 minute quarters
    - (3) 2 30/3 Full
    - (4) 7 minute halftime
    - (5) 3 minute overtimes

### **C. Boy's & Girl's Basketball – Special Rules**

- 1. No rule changes after the season begins.
- 2. IHSAA rules apply unless amended below.
- 3. Intermediate size ball is the official ball.
- 4. A team may press at any point in the game, as long as they are not ahead by 15 or more points. Once a team leads by 15 or more points, the leading team may not defend until the ball has crossed the half court line.
- 5. There are no playing time requirements. Coaches may substitute freely.
- 6. There is an understanding that to protect the integrity and competitive balance of the boys' and girls' league, school's fielding more than one team should field each team as equally competitive as possible.

## **VII. Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Programs**

### **A. Cheerleading**



1. Sixth Grade
  - a. Each basketball team may have a squad of cheerleaders (1 boys and 1 girls).
  - b. Cheerleading squads will be selected by the cheerleading coach prior to the season.
2. Seventh and Eighth Grades
  - a. Each basketball team may have a squad of cheerleaders.
  - b. Seventh and eighth grade squads will be made up of seventh and eighth graders.
  - c. The cheerleading squad will be selected by the cheerleading coach and serve for one year.
3. Cheerleading is considered a sport. Members are considered athletes and must meet all standards established for athletes. Cheerleaders must maintain the same grade and citizenship standards as other athletes. Failure to do so will cause dismissal from the squad.
4. Preseason workouts may begin ten (10) days prior to the start of school.
5. Preseason workouts & practices will be a two (2) hour maximum.
6. Practice may begin on the first day of school.
7. Summer camps may be attended. Funding for summer camps will be a parental responsibility.
8. A uniform will be provided by the physical activities director, as per their rotation schedule.
9. Items such as shoes, camp outfits, bodysuits, etc. are the responsibilities of the cheerleader and/or cheerleader's family.
10. Cheerleading competitions may be allowed by the principal.
11. Emphasis on cheerleading is on sideline cheers rather than gymnastics. Cheerleading formations are restricted to two (2) tiers.
12. It is recommended that all cheerleading coaches receive the proper training in order for the cheerleaders to include stunts as part of the team's routines. See building principal and/or athletic director for further information.

## **B. Cross Country**

1. There will be one combined team for boys and girls. No one will be cut.
  - a. Boys and girls will normally compete together.
  - b. Separate races may be run if both teams can field separate teams.
2. Each team may run a maximum of nine (9) meets, including invitationals.
3. The competitive season runs from August to mid October.
4. Preseason workouts may begin ten (10) days prior to the start of school.
5. Preseason workouts & practice will be two (2) hours maximum.
6. Practice may begin on the first day of school.
7. The usual distance is 3,000 meters but this will vary.

## **C. Track**

1. There will be separate teams for girls and boys with no one cut, if possible.
2. Each team may have a maximum of ten (10) meets, including invitationals.
3. The competitive season runs from late March to mid-May.
4. Preseason workouts may begin the first school day of January.
5. Preseason workouts & practice will be a two hour maximum.
6. Practice may begin March 1.

## **D. Wrestling**

1. There will be one team for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades with no one cut, if possible.
2. Each team may have a maximum of ten (10) meets, including invitationals.
3. Competitive season runs from December to early March.
4. Preseason workouts may begin Nov 1
5. Preseason workouts & practice will be a two hour maximum.

6. Practice may begin December 1.

## **E. Swimming**

1. There will be no one cut, if possible.
2. Each team may compete in a maximum of ten (10) meets, including no more than two invitationals.
3. The competitive season runs from the middle of January to Spring Break.
4. Preseason workouts may begin Nov 1.
5. Preseason workouts & practice will be a two (2) hour maximum.
6. Practice may begin on the first school day of January.
7. River Valley and Parkview will use the Jeffersonville High School pool for their combined team and will be called Jeff Swim Team.

## **F. Tennis**

1. Each team can play no more than 10 matches in the regular season.
2. Each team can also participate in the Clark-Floyd tournament and one additional tournament.
3. Girls season will run in the spring.
  - Preseason workouts may begin the first school day of January.
  - Preseason workouts & practice will be a two (2) hour maximum.
  - Practice may begin March 1
4. Boys season will run in the fall.
  - Preseason workouts may begin 10 days prior to the start of school.
  - Preseason workouts & practice will be a two (2) hour maximum.
  - Practice may begin the first day of school

## **VIII. Seventh, and Eighth Grade Programs**

### **A. Football**

1. Team will be made up of seventh and eighth graders.
2. Each team may have a maximum of ten (10) games and every effort is to be made to limit participation to one game per calendar week.
3. The competitive season runs from the beginning of school to early October.
4. Preseason workouts may begin ten (10) days prior to the start of school.
5. Preseason workouts & practices will be a two (2) hour maximum.
6. Practice may begin on the first day of school.
7. An individual may not play more than four quarters on any day or eight quarters in any week. A school must forfeit any game in which such a violation occurs.
8. 7th Team
  - a. Each football school should try to have a 7th team to provide game participation for all interested athletics.
  - b. Each game will consist of six (6) minute quarters with no overtime.
9. 8th Team
  - a. The 8th team will consist of eighth graders.
  - b. Each game will consist of six (6) minute quarters with no overtimes.
10. "A" and "B" teams may be established for both grades if interest warrants and competition can be found.

### **B. Volleyball – Girls (6th, 7th & 8th)**

1. There will be separate teams for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. No one will be cut if at all possible.
2. Each team may compete in a maximum of fifteen (15) matches and two tournaments (not including the Clark-Floyd Tournament).
3. The competitive season runs from August to fall break.
4. Preseason workouts may begin ten (10) days prior to the start of school.
5. Preseason workouts & practices will be a two (2) hour maximum.

6. Practice may begin on the first day of school.

### **C. Basketball – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls**

1. There will be separate teams for seventh and eighth graders. Cutting should be kept to a minimum.
2. Each team may have a maximum of fifteen (15) games and two (2) tournaments (not including the Clark-Floyd Tournament).
3. The competitive season runs from early November to February.
4. Preseason workouts may begin Sept 1
5. Preseason workouts & practices will be a two (2) hour maximum.
6. Practice may begin October 1.
7. No player may play more than five quarters a night. (Exception – If the same team plays two (2) tournament games in one day all players may play five (5) quarters each game).
8. “A” and “B” teams may be established for both grades if interest warrants and competition can be found.

### **IX. Parent/Student Responsibilities**

- A. The medical form must be signed by the student’s parent/legal guardian and a physician’s signature stating that the student has had a physical examination between April 1 and his/her first team activity and has pronounced the student fit to participate in all or in all with specified exceptions of the sports in the middle school athletic program.
- B. The cardiovascular pre-preparation screening and concussion forms must be signed by the parent/legal guardian stating that parents/legal guardians are aware of screening tests that can be conducted for early detection of cardiovascular or other abnormalities.
- C. All athletes must have such form(s) on file before trying out and/or participating in any inter-scholastic competition.
- D. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to pay the replacement cost for any equipment lost or damaged by neglect or abuse.
- E. Athletes must travel to and from contests in transportation provided by the school.

The only exceptions are:

- a. Injury to a participant, which would require alternate transportation.
- b. Prior arrangement between the participant's parent/ guardian and the coach for the student to ride with the parent/guardian.

G. A student must attend at least one-half of the school day to be eligible for an activity on that day. An exception will be made for medical appointments, funerals, or any emergency that has been cleared in advanced through the athletic director and substantiated in writing or phone call from parent/guardian or physician.

H. **Athletic/Activity Conflict Policy** - Greater Clark County School students are encouraged to participate in as many extra-curricular activities as their time and schedule allow; however, this sometimes leads to conflict when activities occur on the same dates and times. Coaches, sponsors, and students should work together to try to solve these conflicts before they occur. It is the student's responsibility to inform the coach and/or sponsor at the first of the season of his or her intention to be involved in more than one activity. Students, coaches, sponsors, and the athletic director will meet to solve practice, game and performance conflicts. In those rare cases where a large number of conflicts cannot be avoided, the student may need to make a choice regarding participation.

## **X. Dismissal From Team**

A. A student athlete may be in jeopardy of dismissal for any of the following reasons.

1. Failure to meet academic standards.
2. Creating continuous problems for a teacher or coach.
3. Refusing to obey a coach's instructions.
4. Fighting.
5. Misconduct on team bus.
6. Vandalism.
7. Theft.
8. Locker room problems.
9. Poor sportsmanship.
10. Possession or use of drugs.
11. Possession or use of tobacco.
12. Possession or use of alcohol.
13. Other conduct recognized as being unacceptable in accordance with the Greater Clark County Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

B. The physical activities director, coach of that sport, and the principal are responsible for dispositions of all cases.

## **XI. Student Managers**

A. They will be considered as any other athlete and will be expected to meet all standards of conduct for all athletes.

- B. The head coach of a sport will select the student managers for that sport.

#### **XIV. Travel**

- A. The physical activities director will arrange for appropriate transportation.
- B. All athletes, including cheerleaders and managers must travel to and from contests in transportation provided by the school. The only exceptions are:
  - a. Injury to a participant, which would require alternate transportation.
  - b. Prior arrangement between the participant's parent/ guardian and the coach for the student to ride with the parent/guardian.
- C. Students may be expected to provide their own transportation to events held inside their high school attendance area.

#### **XV. Duties of Staff**

- A. Coordinator of Middle School Athletics
  - 1. Interpret athletic guidelines and rules when requested by a middle school building committee chairperson. If interpretation is not satisfactory, middle school building committee chairperson may appeal to the Athletic Council.
  - 2. Serve as liaison between the middle school program and the elementary and the high school programs.
  - 3. Fulfill other responsibilities associated with coordinating the system-wide athletic program.
- B. Physical Activities Director
  - 1. Handle contacts/contracts with other schools and with officials for home events.
  - 2. Provide a schedule for each sport to the principal, assistant principal, school secretary, and coaches of that sport as soon as possible.
  - 3. Provide to the ticket taker at each event a list of people to be admitted free.
  - 4. Approve any purchases to be made from the athletic fund and sign appropriate purchase orders. Collect receipts for such purchases.
  - 5. Keep on file eligibility, medical and insurance forms collected by coaches.

6. Prepare and administer the athletic budget throughout the year.
7. Supervise, oversee the maintenance of, and coordinate the use of all athletic facilities.
8. Coordinate the intramural program if needed.
9. Supervise the performance and conduct of all individuals associated with the athletic program, including both students and staff.
10. Keep on file inventories of equipment and supplies for each sport as prepared by the coaches.
11. Supervise equipment storage and replacement.
  - a. The most convenient storage place will be given to the sport(s) in season.
  - b. Athletes must pay the replacement cost for any equipment which they fail to turn in as requested by the coach or which they damage through neglect or abuse
12. Prepare facilities and provide adequate helpers and staffing for home inter-scholastic events. Maximum cooperation is expected of coaches involved in such events.
13. Postpone, cancel, and/or attempt to reschedule any athletic event as circumstances dictate (i.e. weather). The principal and involved coach should have input when possible.
14. Work cooperatively in building and maintaining a well balanced system wide program, while establishing an autonomous identity for the middle school athletic program.
15. Identify coaching needs and make recommendations on filling vacancies before new coaches are selected.
16. Act as a liaison between principal and coaching staff.
17. Represent his/her building at the regularly scheduled athletic director meetings.
18. See that practices and competitions on days when school is not in session are approved by the principal.
19. Hold pre-season meeting with coaches to review Athletic Handbook and Code of Ethics.
20. Assume other administrative and supervisory duties associated with athletics as the need arises.



### C. **Head Coaches (including Cheerleading)**

1. Sign and have on file with the Physical Activities Director a Coaches' Code of Ethics and Conduct Form.
2. Be in charge of his/her team.
3. Report any actions involving poor sportsmanship or flagrant misbehavior by an individual associated with their sport to the physical activities director and principal.
4. Report any offenses listed in the pupil discipline section of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook to the principal.
5. Conduct practice every school day except game day during the season with minor exceptions.
6. Remain in the building until their last player or manager has left.
7. Conduct practice in a manner promoting healthy participation, good sportsmanship, and skill development.
8. Select team members and managers.
9. Provide input in selecting their assistant coaches.
10. Prepare an inventory of equipment before and after the season and turn in both to the physical activities director. Notify the physical activities director of dangerous, damaged, or lost equipment.
11. Report equipment that has been lost or damaged by neglect or abuse to the physical activities director.
12. Collect and turn in to physical activities director money for things such as practice packages (socks, trunks, mouthpieces, etc.)
13. Attend all games and practices of the team for which they are directly responsible unless they notify the principal or physical activities director in advance. The coach is responsible for adequate coverage of any and all events they may miss.
14. Cooperate with the physical activities director to the utmost to see that the facilities are adequately prepared and sufficient help has been obtained for home events in their sport.
15. Collect and/or check all required forms and submit them to the physical

activities director. Check eligibility of players. This involves age, grades, attendance (the student must be present one half of the school day to participate if school was in session unless exempt by the principal), and maximum playing limitations.

16. Promote sportsmanship and school spirit.

17. Delegate when appropriate the authority to carry out some of the above functions to assistant coaches. The responsibility to see that the delegated functions are performed rests with the head coach.

18. Schedule use of athletic facilities through the physical activities director.

19. All injuries should be reported to the Director of Physical Activities as soon as possible. The coach is to notify the parent of any significant injuries as soon as possible. All safety protocols need to be followed as it relates to injuries.

#### **D. Assistant Coaches**

1. Follow the instructions of the head coach.

2. Perform functions delegated by the head coach.

3. Attend games and practices as required by the head coach.

4. Schedule the use of athletic facilities through the physical activities director.

5. The physical activities director shall serve as mediator in the case of dispute between a head coach and an assistant coach. If the physical activities director is one of the coaches involved, the principal shall serve as mediator.

#### **XVI. Intramurals/Clubs/Feeder Programs**

A. The intramural program may be conducted before and after the school day.

B. Suggested activities include soccer, flag football, baseball, softball.

C. When practical, the intramural program will combine girls' and boys' activities. Every attempt will be made to expand the program in response to student interests.

D. There will be no specific system-wide season for any particular sport so that each school may best utilize its facilities.

E. Any award should reward participation rather than winning.

## **XVII. Spectator Expectations**

Good sportsmanship is the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for the interscholastic athletic programs of the Greater Clark County School Corporation, as well as for the individuals who participate. Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their role in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.

The following are expectations for spectators of Greater Clark County student-athletic programs/events:

1. Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support middle school activities. It is not a license to verbally assault anyone or act in an outrageous manner.
2. Realize that athletics are part of the educational experience and that its benefits go beyond the final score of the contest. Place the emotional and physical well-being of student athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. Respect the decisions made by officials and learn the rules of the game to better understand their decisions.
4. Participate in positive cheers and refrain from encouraging those who take away from the spirit of the contest.
5. Respect and support the task of the coaches. Respect the coaches' authority during games by not confronting them at the game site. Discuss any issues or concerns with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
6. Respect opponents as students, and acknowledge them for striving to do their best. Discourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of athletes.
7. Support a drug, tobacco, and alcohol-free sports environment for their child and refrain from their use at all events.
8. Be a spectator/parent your child would be proud of! Be a fan, not a fanatic!

Accordingly, an event supervisor may request any person involved in misconduct at a school-sponsored activity to leave the premises if deemed necessary. The Greater Clark County Schools Board of Trustees has adopted a policy that supports such action by school personnel.