

# Prosper ISD Athletic Department Sportsmanship Standards Parent Expectations

Educational Athletics is for the student athletes. All parents associated with Prosper ISD are welcome to share in the pleasure of watching their children participate so long as their behavior does not distract the players, officials, or other spectators from the contest. Any issues a parent may have with any Coach, Official or player should be addressed at a proper time and place, not before, during or after a game.

## **A parent should:**

- Make no remarks to the referees or to the players, coaches or spectators of the opposing team unless intended to convey genuine interest, friendship or encouragement.
- Avoid sharp remarks directed to players on your own team who make mistakes on the field. They already know what they have done. Allow them to learn from their mistakes.
- Applaud superior play by both teams.
- Support coaches consistently regardless of the results on the court or field. Coaches contribute many hours of their time to your children. They deserve your congratulations when the team wins and your encouragement when it doesn't.
- Always remain in the spectator area, and away from areas where coaches, players or officials are.

Your cooperation with these standards before, during and after each game will make PISD athletics more enjoyable for everyone and ensure all parties involved HONOR THE GAME.

## **A parent must:**

- Never use foul language or obscene gestures at a game.
- Avoid persistent comments and gestures that express disagreement with referees' decisions.
- Cooperate immediately with any request by the game officials.

**Any parent who fails to adhere to these standards may be required to leave the playing area.**

**CONSEQUENCES:** If a parent is ejected from a contest by an official or coach, the parent will be required to have a face to face conference with the Coach & Campus Coordinator prior to returning to any PISD Athletic event. In addition, the parent must complete the NFHS course "Positive Sport Parenting" and turn in their certificate of completion before returning to any PISD athletic event. If multiple incidents occur or a single severe incident occurs, the parent(s) will no longer be allowed into PISD events, and possible criminal trespassing charges can be issued to the spectator for an appropriate time period determined by the administrators.

**By signing this document you confirm that you have read the above standards.**