

# Parent Information

## NDHSAA Minimum Behavior Expectations

Good Behavior and appropriate conduct are expected from all students, parents, and fans. Please review the guidelines on the links below before attending events in Bismarck Public Schools and let your good sportsmanship show!

[NDHSAA Behavior Expectations \(link\)](#)

[NDHSAA Protecting Your Eligibility \(link\)](#)

[NDHSAA Condensed Eligibility Rule \(link\)](#)

[NDHSAA Constitution & Bylaws \(link\)](#)

## PARENT/SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

Parents and Spectators at games/performance are expected to set a good example for their children by exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship. Their role is to watch, cheer, and boost the efforts of ALL participants in a particular event. Activities should be fun, and the game must be for the kids. Their involvement and fulfillment in the activity is the single most important thing to consider.

Parents and Spectators have responsibilities to the coach, team, school, and community they are a part of. Parents and Spectators should have respect for coaches, other members of the team, opponents, and the decisions of game officials. All parents and spectators should take it upon themselves to learn as much as possible about the rules of the game that their son or daughter is participating in. Parents and Spectators should NEVER:

- Criticize, abuse, harass, or berate a coach/advisor, team member, opponent, or game official. Each will perform to the best of their abilities given the chance. Sarcastic or negative remarks will not help them to be their best.
- Confront a coach/advisor immediately after a game/performance. It is best to wait at least 24 hrs. to give all parties involved time to relax and reflect.
- Use foul or abusive language toward anyone for any reason.
- Cheer in a negative or sarcastic manner.
- Coach from the sideline. A coach/advisor may need the attention of your son or daughter during a game or performance and likely will not get it if you are trying to help from your seat. Let the coach/advisor do their job no matter how much you disagree. If there is a problem, talk to the coach later.
- Enter the field/court of play unless requested by a coach/advisor.

**Parents are also asked to review the Student Athlete Responsibilities page and their school's activities webpage so as to be informed of the requirements and expectations their school has for their extra-curricular activities programs.**