

Athletics Overview

District 49 believes that interscholastic activities are an integral part of the educational process, providing valuable educational experiences outside the classroom curriculum. Many valuable life-long lessons such as sportsmanship, teamwork, commitment, etc. are learned through participation in athletics and activities. It is the goal of District 49 to maximize the opportunities and effectiveness of the lessons learned through athletics.

The following components contribute to the enhancement of the philosophy:

- Vertical Integration – youth and middle school programs that support the high school athletic programs
- Development of fundamental sports skills
- Competitive high school athletic programs that promote academic and athletic excellence
- Programs that allow for maximum opportunities for student participation and that are developmentally appropriate, tailored to the physical, mental and emotional maturity levels of the participants
- Principles of fair play and sportsmanship, both on the field and in the stands
- Highly qualified coaches and staff with opportunities for professional growth and development
- Competitive resources for programs at each level made available through operating funds, participation fees and fund raising

Sportsmanship is highly emphasized and positive behavior is expected by students, athletes, parents, guardians and fans at all District 49 sponsored events.

We strongly encourage family members and students to share in our athlete's experience by attending games and demonstrating positive and constructive support. District 49 events will not tolerate any inappropriate behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct. Spectators must demonstrate positive behavior or that spectator may be asked to leave by an official, school personnel, administrator, or police officer. If the person resists leaving, the police will charge the person accordingly.

- A spectator who is removed from an event will forfeit his/her privilege of attending future contests – either home or away. If removed from a game, the spectator may have an opportunity to meet with the athletic director to try to resolve the issue. If the spectator shows up at future contests without resolving the issue, he/she may be charged with trespassing.
- If an athlete acts inappropriately (see guidelines presented in the Athlete's Code of Conduct), the coach is expected to take disciplinary action. This may include suspension for the remainder of the game or longer. Consequences for such behavior should be outlined in team rules and expectations and discussed prior to competitive season.
- If a coach acts inappropriately (see guidelines presented in the Coaches Code of Conduct), the coach will be dealt with by the Administrator. Consequences may range from verbal reprimand, to written reprimand, to suspension, to dismissal.
- Coaches are expected to set strong examples and should model expected behavior at all times.