

Sportsmanship

Since athletics should be educational in nature, it is important that all parents demonstrate good sportsmanship and serve as role models for our athletes and students. Sportsmanship is an overt display of respect for the rules of sport and for all others – players, coaches, officials and fans. It also involves a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. This means:

- There can be no vulgar or inappropriate language from spectators.
- Taunting or trash talking about our opponents and the cheerleaders cannot be tolerated.
- Spectators cannot leave the bleachers or enter onto the court of field during a contest.
- Fans should be supportive and positive. Cheering should be done for our team and not against our opponent.
- We should not impede or interfere with our opponent's cheerleaders from leading their cheers.
- In some specific sports such as basketball and volleyball, we should not yell while an opponent takes a foul shot or as a player attempts to serve.

Athletic Department Policies:

Student-athletes waiting and/or loitering in the lobby pose potential problems at Stroudsburg High School. Risk of injury and property damage can possibly result from unsupervised gatherings. In part to address this issue, the Athlete is responsible to:

- Arrange transportation for practices and games in advance.
- Leave the buildings and grounds as soon as possible but not more than one-half hour after the conclusion of a contest or practice session.
- Athletes are expected to represent school and team on and off campus.

Travel Policy

All team members must travel as a group to and from all athletic contests. A team member may be released to the custody of a parent/guardian at the conclusion of an away contest if deemed necessary and will only be granted in the event of an emergency.

**In order to be transported home by a parent, the student must submit and have signed by an administrator, the form, "Permission to Travel via Private Vehicle Following a School Activity". These forms are available in the Athletic Office.*

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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Guidelines for Parents of Stroudsburg Mountaineer Athletes

Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with Stroudsburg Area School District's athletic programs more enjoyable.

Athletic Information can be found at the Stroudsburg School District site
www.mountieathletics.org

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefits to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our programs, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

Communication from coaching staff:

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your student/athlete, as well as the team.
3. Locations and times of practices and contests.
4. Team requirements: i.e. practices, special equipment, out-of-season conditioning.
5. Procedures followed should your child be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that may result in the denial of your child's participation.

As your children become involved in the programs at Stroudsburg Area School District, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate concerns for discussion:

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Methods to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your student not playing as much as you hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all student-athletes involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as the next list, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with coach:

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student-athletes

It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. Always remember that the best interests of the team are placed ahead of any one individual. By questioning publicly any of the above mentioned items, you will be promoting the individualistic style that we seek to avoid in inter-scholastic athletics.

For concerns requiring discussion with the coach, please follow these procedures:

1. Call or email to set up an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Office. A meeting will be set up for you.
3. Please do not attempt to engage a coach in conversation before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolutions.

The Next Step:

If the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, please call the athletic office and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director and Coach to discuss the situation.



Spectator-Cheerleader Relationship:

Cheerleaders try to infuse the spirit into the fans/spectators and to lead them in selected cheers. Taking the responsibility into your own hands is not appropriate. Fans that leave the stands to direct cheers may often cause or lead to confrontations with the opponent. Following the cheerleaders' direction, therefore, is absolutely necessary at all athletic contests. The emotion and atmosphere at athletic contests can be very exciting and the cheerleaders need to be allowed to direct and control this aspect of the event.

Relationships with Officials:

There is an age-old refrain often used by irate fans, "how much are you paying the officials?" The PIAA assigns officials for all home contests involving PIAA members. Schools do not have control of which officials are assigned.

Officials agree to follow a code of ethics. They really do not care or have a vested interest in which team emerges as the victor. It is also important to understand that they are a very necessary part of the game. A contest cannot be played without them.

So while you may not agree with all of their calls, please do not harass or taunt them. It is also important to remember that they are in charge of the contest and have complete authority to have unruly spectators removed. In many sports, teams will see the same officials several times during the season. Coaches, athletic administrators and schools often work hard to establish a rapport and good working relationship that can easily be damaged by spectators.

