

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Policy Code: JJIB-A
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### Spectator and Parent Expectations

The public is invited to attend Oyster River Cooperative School District athletic contests for the purpose of supporting all participants (athletes and coaches) regardless of the school they represent. In particular, spectators are expected to model positive behavior that contributes to the value of the athletic experience.

Should school administrators observe behaviors that are contrary to the language above, they have the authority and discretion to remove any spectator who do not comply with expected rules of conduct.

Therefore, when attending competitive events, spectators are expected to:

1. Respect the purpose of the competition and act in the role of support for all of the athletes, coaches and officials;
2. Refrain from angry or abusive language or actions toward any adult or student participant or other spectators;
3. Refrain from coaching or giving instructions from the stands to players participating in the game. Positive encouragement and praise for good play is always welcome;
4. Refrain from any act that creates a danger for participants or spectators;
5. Refrain from any act that could be considered taunting, heckling or berating of participants, other spectators, officials, or coaches;
6. Refrain from approaching any member of the coaching staff or game personnel before, during or after the game for the purpose of issuing a complaint, voicing of concerns or to make negative comments. Anyone wishing to address concerns with the coaching staff are expected to wait 24 hours before doing so. This includes in person conversations, phone calls or email communication.

### Penalties for Inappropriate Conduct

Spectators who engage in any behavior listed above, may be asked to leave the premises, and may be excluded from future events. The administrator in charge of the event may seek the assistance of law enforcement authorities, if necessary, to remove or exclude a spectator deemed to be in violation of these rules of conduct. Law enforcement may remove anyone who is disrupting an event or creating an unsafe environment or damaging public property.

### Cross Reference:

JJA – Student Activities, Clubs and Organizations  
 JJIB – Interscholastic Athletics  
 JJIB-A-R – Spectator and Parent Expectations – Procedure  
 Student-Athlete/Parent Handbook

### Legal Reference:

Title IX Guidelines  
 NHIAA Rules and Regulations