



HOME GAME EXPECTATIONS

As games begin we would like to remind everyone why we gather at games, why our student athletes play the game and how to keep everyone safe and having fun! We expect our school to be represented well by the following the guidelines at all home and away games.

***Students are NOT allowed outside during games**

***Students in grade 4 or younger must have an adult with them at games**

***All should attend games to cheer, but be positive in their cheer. No negative chants toward players, coaches or refs.**

***PLEASE HELP FLIP BLEACHERS UP AND OUT OF THE WAY AFTER ALL HOME GAMES. THIS WILL MAKE IT EASIER AND FASTER FOR THE PARENTS WORKING TO SWEEP AND STILL BE OUT QUICKLY.**

PARENTS. We are looking to you to be role models to our students and to take a supportive role with our student athletes. Trust our coaches and refs.

SPECTATORS CODE of CONDUCT

Remember children play the sport for fun

They are not here to entertain you and are not miniature athletes

Be polite - no profanity or harassment

Show respect, don't scold child players

Do not condemn violence of any kind

Respect Officials decisions

Support coaches/officials decisions whether you agree or not to your child

Your kids success or lack of success in sports does not indicate what kind of parent you are... But having an athlete that is coachable, respectful, a great teammate, mentally tough, resilient and who tries their best is a direct reflection of your parenting. (unknown)



Lockwood's Commands for Sports Parents (Condensed Version)

- 1. Every kid is his or her own kid:** Some kids like sports, some don't. Some are good, some aren't. It doesn't depend on whether we like sports or were good at sports. Every child is a unique gift from God. We never want to define a kid's worth by the level of skill on the playing field.
- 2. If you don't have something positive to say, don't say it:** Kids don't want a rerun of a bad game. If you want to talk about it, talk about it but only to build child up.
- 3. Take the pulse regularly:** The one reason kids should be involved in elementary athletics is because they like the sport. Your goals may not be theirs in the sport. They may like the role they have to just be part of something. Check with them if they are having fun and don't let your feelings be their feelings.
- 4. Put Up or:** Understand that coaches and refs are usually volunteers who give up their time for our kids. They are not professionals and will make mistakes, so if you do not like the job they do, then volunteer.
- 5. Other people's kids are still kids:** Treat others kindly as you would want your kid to be treated. We are all not super stars.
- 6. Know who is playing:** These our our children, not us. Their performance is not a reflection on you and has nothing to do with your self-esteem.
- 7. We all know it is true, but let's act like it is true:** 99% of all kids involved in elementary sports do not have the kind of talent to play professional sports or win a scholarship to college. **ENJOY WHAT THEY CAN DO NOW.**

I am a youth athlete.

I am brave and strong and talented.
But I'm still just a kid. I am not perfect. I am a work in progress. I need you to be patient while I test the limits of my body and work through the emotions that come with success and failure. When I make a mistake, I wonder if you'll be disappointed. When I reach my goals, I look to see if you are watching. I am a youth athlete. I love my sport. You call it competition. I call it playing the game. I want to win and have fun. I am a youth athlete. I am YOUR youth athlete. Winning feels great, but your praise feels infinitely better. Please remember these things, and I promise to do my best to make you proud.