



Arlington High School Fan Conduct Policy

Arlington High School (AHS), in association with the NYSPHSAA (New York State Public High School Athletic Association) promotes sportsmanship at interscholastic events. Sportsmanship is an essential part of any athletic competition and is expected from athletes, coaches, officials and fans. As a fan/spectator (student or adult) of Arlington High School Athletics, we want you to be an example of positive encouragement while supporting our athletes, coaches and officials. Our behavior should be safe, positive, respectful and supportive of the athletes, coaches, officials and the game.

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Matters (click for link to website):

Promoting participation and sportsmanship to develop good citizens through interscholastic activities which provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students while maximizing the achievement of educational goals.

PA Announcement (prior to every home game):

"The New York State Public High School Athletic Association supports and encourages spectators to enjoy the competition between our student-athletes and cheer for their teams in a positive manner. Negative comments and behavior will be addressed by the appropriate site personnel. Spectators should "Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive" toward all players, coaches, officials and spectators. Thank you for your support and enjoy the game."

Arlington High School encourages:

- Enthusiastic support of your team
- Good sportsmanship
- Family friendly atmosphere
- Commitment to safety
- Welcoming attitude to all fans and visitors

Unacceptable Behaviors:

- Disruptive, unruly, or unsafe behavior
- Foul/abusive language or obscene gestures
- Failing to follow instructions of school personnel
- Verbal or physical harassment of opposing team fans
- Use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco (including e-cigarettes) at Arlington athletic events
- Signage that is offensive, in poor taste, or does not support sportsmanship
- Interference with the progress of the game (including throwing objects onto the field/court or failure to stay in the stands)
- Charging the court/leaving the stands after a contest

While the Fan Conduct Policy encompasses behavior expectations and consequences for both student and adult fans, Arlington administration may apply further consequences to a student ejected from a contest due to the student violating the District Code of Conduct.

Fans who display unacceptable behaviors may be subject to verbal correction when applicable, followed by sanctions - including removal from the contest, refusal of admittance, and suspension from future contests. Law enforcement will be consulted as necessary to help ensure safety. Below is an outline of possible steps that may be taken to address poor spectator conduct.

First Offense - Unacceptable behavior may result in verbal correction or, depending on the offense, immediate removal. Failure to follow verbal directives from an event supervisor will result in contest removal. An administrator may schedule a conference with the spectator who violated the Fan Conduct Policy. The resulting action may include exclusion from future athletic contests.

Second Offense - Unacceptable behavior may result in verbal correction or, depending on the offense, immediate removal. Failure to follow verbal directives from an event supervisor will result in contest removal. Following a second contest removal, an administrator may schedule a conference with the spectator. The spectator may be removed from all home/away athletic contests and other school events and activities for the remainder of the school year. A letter of ejection will be sent from the office of the Principal/Athletic Director notifying the spectator of the ejection time line. Failure to comply with an ejection from future events may result in consultation with law enforcement.

Third Offense - Unacceptable behavior may result in verbal correction or, depending on the offense, immediate removal. Failure to follow verbal directives from an event supervisor will result in contest removal. Following a third contest removal, an administrator may schedule a conference with the spectator. The spectator may be removed from all home/away Arlington High School athletic contests and other school events and activities for up to a two year period. A letter of ejection will be sent from the office of the Principal/Athletic Director notifying the spectator of the remainder of the ejection time line. Failure to comply with an ejection from future events may result in consultation with law enforcement.

Any athletic official, including but not limited to, contest officials, athletic director, principal, assistant principals, game site supervisors and anyone else in an administrative role on the site, may uphold enforcement of an ejection.

The district may utilize video review to help identify and address concerns.

Game day staff will promptly intervene to support an environment where patrons, their guests and other fans can safely enjoy the event. Arlington High School thanks you for adhering to our Fan Conduct Policy.

Let's all enjoy the game!