

# PLAINS ISD

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Cowboy and Cowgirl Parents, Fans, Students, and Spectators,

We have begun another basketball season here at Plains ISD and the Cowboys and Cowgirls are off to a great start! We love the excitement and enthusiasm that you bring to the game when you cheer for our teams and our players! It is always a great atmosphere that helps bring out a competitive spirit in our teams and our crowd!

However, with the recent escalation of issues across the state regarding officials, the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) has issued some guidelines and potential consequences regarding the conduct of fans. TASO has issued a three-strike-policy. This means that after three incidents in which any spectator must be removed at the request of the official, the organization can refuse to officiate our games. **Without officials, we would not be able to play the game.** While officials make calls that may or may not be in our favor, we must show our unwavering support for **all** involved in the game. Any issues regarding the officials must be left to the coaches to handle.

Up to this point, we have only had slight problems with this and as far as we know, have not had anything turned in to TASO. This is just to let you know what could happen if officials feel threatened. We would absolutely hate it for our students not to be able to play a game through no fault of their own. **If** we happen to get to a level where this became a possibility, we will take a hard look at how to prevent our teams from not being able to play.

We appreciate your consideration and efforts regarding this matter and look forward to a continuation of a great season with plenty of excitement and cheering for our students.

Respectfully,

Robert McLain

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