

## SEAGRAVES EAGLES

Seagraves ISD is committed to providing a safe and positive environment for competitions so that our student athletes can engage in the competitive spirit of sports and our fans can enjoy a fun, safe experience. It is the expectation that our spectators provide positive verbal support and not ridicule either team, fans, coaches, or officials.

Parents and spectators are to remain aware that Seagraves ISD can remove them from the premises and can prohibit them from attending future contests at home or away due to unruly behavior. Game officials can also ask that school administrators remove fans from a contest facility. Spectators must understand that questioning calls by officials, expressing dissatisfaction of calls, and ridiculing officials will not be tolerated by the official's association and can result in the removal of the spectator from the facility. If our spectators enjoy watching our kids compete, they should exhibit self-control and be mindful of expected contest behavior.

- Should a spectator get ejected from a game, he/she will be suspended for 1 game following the first incident.
- Any second infraction will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.

It is important that we understand that when a fan is removed from the game it can result in the district receiving disciplinary action from the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) and the University of Interscholastic League (UIL). TASO officials have a three-strike policy. After three reported/filed incidents in which a spectator has to be removed at the official's request, the organization can refuse to officiate any of our future games. Without officials, we will not be able to play the games, which could result in forfeiture of the contest.

I am sad to report that SISD has received our first strike TASO disciplinary action as a result of inappropriate spectator behavior. If inappropriate fan behavior results in a second strike the district will be forced to explore the possibilities of playing home games without fans in attendance. WE want to allow our student athletes the opportunity to compete, but if WE as fans want to continue to enjoy watching our athletes in person, we will need to be mindful of our conduct, sportsmanship, and behavior.

It is important to remember that our kids look to us to provide examples of what good sportsmanship and behavior looks like. It's imperative that we, as adults in our community, model that kind of behavior for them. Let's work together to make the experiences for our students one we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your support and work to allow this season to continue for our Eagles!

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