

**WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS

Athletic and extracurricular activities are sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association with the sole purpose to provide a positive experience and to educationally enrich our students.

The Winner Schools have a proud tradition of honor in athletics and expect the athletes and their fans to uphold that tradition by maintaining the highest standards of performance, behavior and leadership. All spectators, officials, and participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes good sportsmanship and fair play. Behavior that is a detriment to the contest and the spirit in which it is held is greatly discouraged. Athletic contests are held to promote the student-athletes, their schools and their communities and all in attendance are asked to join in encouraging and supporting those students, coaches and officials involved in the competition.

Acceptable behavior includes:

- accepting all decisions of officials,
- treating the competition as a game;
- giving credit for outstanding effort regardless of the team;
- showing concern for any injured player; and
- encouraging surrounding fans to display only the best sportsmanlike conduct.

Unacceptable behavior includes:

- trash talk, taunting, and other intimidating actions on behalf of players or spectators;
- displaying disgust for officials calls; name calling to distract opponents;
- refusing to shake hands or give credit to opponents;
- blaming the loss of a game on coaches, players, or officials;
- using profanity or displays of anger that draws attention away from the game.
- throwing objects or trash on the playing floor/field.
- any action, that is inappropriate or unprofessional, that is intended to draw attention to oneself.

Any person, including adults, who behave in an unsportsmanlike manner during an athletic or extracurricular event may be ejected from the event or denied admission to future events for conduct that includes, but is not limited to: any of the above listed unacceptable behaviors; using vulgar or obscene language; possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or illegal substance; possessing a weapon; fighting or otherwise striking or threatening another person; failing to obey a security officer, official, or school employee; and engaging in any activity which is illegal or disruptive.