

Purpose

This Code of Conduct establishes expectations for parents, guardians, family members, fans, guests, and all spectators attending NFMS-sanctioned events, championships, showcases, combines, camps, clinics, and related activities. NFMS serves middle school student-athletes. Spectators play a direct role in shaping the environment student-athletes compete and grow in. Every spectator attending an NFMS event agrees to support a safe, respectful, positive, and development-focused environment for student-athletes, coaches, officials, schools, families, volunteers, sponsors, and event staff.

1 Respect and Sportsmanship

- Treat all student-athletes, coaches, officials, event staff, volunteers, schools, and families with dignity and respect at all times.
- Cheer positively for your team. Encourage effort, teamwork, and good sportsmanship — not just wins.
- Respect officials' decisions. Do not argue, taunt, threaten, or confront officials, coaches, or event staff.
- Acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of all student-athletes, including those on opposing teams.
- Model the behavior you want student-athletes to follow. They are watching.

2 Prohibited Conduct

- ✗ Profanity, obscene language, threatening language, or personal insults directed at any person.
- ✗ Harassment, bullying, intimidation, taunting, or discriminatory remarks based on race, gender, religion, nationality, disability, or any other characteristic.
- ✗ Physical altercations, fighting, shoving, or any threatening physical contact.
- ✗ Entering playing areas, bench areas, locker rooms, officials' areas, press boxes, or any restricted spaces without authorization.
- ✗ Disrupting play, event operations, announcements, or ceremonies.
- ✗ Possession or consumption of alcohol, marijuana, illegal drugs, or unauthorized substances at NFMS events.
- ✗ Posting, sharing, or publishing content on social media that harasses, shames, threatens, misrepresents, or harms student-athletes, coaches, officials, schools, staff, or NFMS.
- ✗ Any conduct that endangers the safety or well-being of minors, other spectators, or event personnel.

3 Respect for Minors and Privacy

- Respect the safety, privacy, and dignity of all minor student-athletes at all times.
- Do not photograph, record, or livestream student-athletes in locker rooms, restrooms, changing areas, or other private spaces.
- Obtain appropriate consent before publishing photos or videos of minors on social media or other public platforms.
- Do not approach, communicate privately with, or transport any minor you are not the parent or legal guardian of without authorization.
- Report any concerns about the safety or well-being of a minor to NFMSS event staff or appropriate authorities immediately.

4 Venue and Event Rules

- Follow all NFMSS rules, venue rules, school rules, event procedures, and instructions from event staff and security.
- Stay in designated spectator areas. Do not enter playing surfaces, bench areas, warm-up zones, officials' areas, or restricted spaces.
- Keep aisles, emergency exits, and safety areas clear at all times.
- Dispose of trash properly. Treat the venue with respect.
- Supervise children in your care at all times to ensure they follow this Code of Conduct.
- Comply with any posted venue policies regarding parking, re-entry, outside food/beverages, and facility-specific rules.

5 Social Media and Online Conduct

- Use social media responsibly. Posts, comments, videos, and images from NFMSS events reflect on your student-athlete, school, and the organization.
- Do not post content that harasses, shames, threatens, demeans, or misrepresents any student-athlete, coach, official, school, family, or NFMSS.
- Do not share personal information about minors — including full names, schools, locations, or identifying details — without consent.
- Do not livestream or post video of altercations, confrontations, or incidents in a way intended to embarrass or harm any person.
- NFMSS may request removal of content that violates this policy.

6 Consequences for Violations

Violations of this Spectator Code of Conduct may result in a verbal warning, removal from the event, loss of spectator privileges for future NFMSS events, referral to school administration, notification to venue security, or referral to law enforcement when appropriate. NFMSS and event staff reserve the right to remove any spectator whose conduct creates a safety risk, disrupts the event, or violates this Code of Conduct — without prior warning when circumstances require immediate action.

Event Information

EVENT / PROGRAM NAME

EVENT DATE(S)

VENUE / LOCATION

SCHOOL / TEAM

Acknowledgment and Signature

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the NFMSS Spectator Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to comply may result in removal from the event and loss of spectator privileges at future NFMSS activities.

PRINTED NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT-ATHLETE

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

DATE

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