

## ***SPORTSMANSHIP***

1. In the spirit of sportsmanship, W.B.L. athletic board policy prohibits the use of artificial noisemakers at indoor contests except home school approved bands. Home school signs that decorate the facilities may not be derogatory to the visiting schools.
2. No megaphones and other means of increasing the volume of the voice may be used except by the cheerleaders at indoor contests.
3. No object such as spirit sticks may be brought to indoor athletic contests.
4. Visiting teams may not bring in any signs, posters, or banners. However, visiting teams may bring their teams onto the football/soccer field; then the flag must be put away. **NO FLAGS ARE PERMITTED AT INDOOR CONTESTS ONCE THE CONTEST BEGINS.**
5. Only school approved personnel such as mascots, players, and cheerleaders are permitted on the playing surface during the warm-up period, during the contest, or after the contest. **FANS ARE NOT TO LEAVE THE BLEACHER AREA TO FORM TUNNELS OR LINES AROUND THE PLAYING SURFACE (I.E. NO INTERACTION DURING PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS)**
6. Seating for the visitors, both student and adult, will be together whenever possible. When possible, the players bench shall be in front of their own fans or two rows shall be reserved for managers, statisticians, etc., directly behind the bench.
7. The home school shall make sure the necessary supervision has been provided.
8. The official representatives from the visiting schools should identify themselves with home school officials at all varsity contests so they may be found in case of an emergency. Prior to the ejection of a student from a varsity contest, the official representing that student's school should be notified.
9. Unsportsmanlike tactics and taunting of another athlete shall be discouraged at all times. Coaches are to address this aspect of the policy with their players.
10. The W.B.L. prohibits pyramids, mounts, or standing on another's shoulders by cheerleaders at any league contest as stated by OHSAA.
11. Varsity team members are to be introduced in alternating basis (with the visitor first) to permit the athletes and coaches to shake hands when introduced.
12. Cheerleaders are to remain on their half or the playing floor and refrain from tumbling during the introduction period and when the teams warm-up.

### **C. Statement of policy of sportsmanship, integrity, and ethics.**