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Meadowbrook COLTS

Parent/Guardian/Spectator Athletic Expectations Handbook

"Watching athletic events is a privilege, not a right"

PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPECTATOR STRIKE POLICY

It is clear that parents, guardians and spectators play an influential role in school sports. How you behave in the stands, talk to your son/daughter after games and interact with coaches and officials makes all the difference in every student-athlete's enjoyment of the sport. Sportsmanship is an important concept that we try to instill in all students. To ensure that parents, guardians and spectators take on a positive role to make a memorable experience for everyone at Meadowbrook athletic events, the Rolling Hills Board of Education, in conjunction with the Meadowbrook Athletic Department, has adopted the following guidelines.

FIVE Strike Policy for major violations of the Parent/Guardian/Spectator expectations at sporting events.

Major violations that will normally result in a strike include but are not limited to the following:

- aggressively confronting any coach for any reason before, during, or after an athletic contest OR practice (refer to the chain of command for the proper way to communicate with a coach)

- being ejected OR escorted from an athletic contest for any reason by an official, law enforcement, or any school administrator (home or away events)

- ANY action reasonably deemed to be detrimental by a school administrator

1st – Must complete the entire course titled "Positive Sport Parenting" on nfhslearn.com/courses
• Upon completion of course, print off certificate and provide to athletic administrator. Suspension to all Meadowbrook sporting events will be enforced until course is completed and certificate is turned in.

2nd – TWO weeks suspension from the date of occurrence of violation from attending ALL home athletic events at Meadowbrook for grades 7-12

3rd – THREE months suspension from the date of occurrence of violation from attending ALL home athletic events at Meadowbrook for grades 7-12

4th – ONE calendar YEAR suspension from the date of occurrence of violation from attending ALL home athletic events at Meadowbrook for grades 7-12

5th - Permanent suspension from all home Meadowbrook athletic events

While the above guidelines reflect the normal consequences for objectionable behavior, deviations rarely may be warranted by the particular circumstances surrounding a particular case. Participation in and attendance at extracurricular athletic events is a privilege, not a right. Spectators who engage in offensive behavior not only send the wrong message to young athletes but risk forfeiting their ability to attend.

**** Any violation of a suspension as presented will result in an automatic additional strike toward parent, guardian or spectator. ****

**** Depending on the severity of an incident, steps can be implemented on any level deemed appropriate by Administration. ****

**** If an incident results in a strike, a written notice and phone call will be made by the Athletic Administrator. ****

**** Any strike that is implemented to a person will follow that individual from season to season and year to year. ****

**** Any suspension that is not completely fulfilled during a specific sport season due to the end of the season will be carried over into the following season until the entire suspension is served. ****