

2019-2020

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

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Must complete the entire course titled “Positive Sport Parenting” on [nfhslearn.com/courses](http://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.

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

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

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

**5<sup>th</sup>** - 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. \*\***