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**SUBURBAN SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL  
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS  
CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR SPECTATORS**

- 1. Spectators are an important part of the games and are encouraged to conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.**
- 2. Spectators should at all times, respect officials, visiting coaches, players and cheerleaders as guests in the community and extend all courtesies to them.**
- 3. Enthusiastic cheering and positive comments for one's own team is encouraged.**
- 4. Any personal, negative or disrespectful remarks are prohibited and may result in removal from contest and, if necessary future events.**
- 5. There will be no ringing of bells, sounding of horns, or other noisemakers at indoor contests during play. Or any noise makers that will interfere with play at outdoor contest. Anyone who does not abide by this rule will be asked to leave the premises.**
- 6. Pep bands or school bands, under the supervision of school personnel, may play during time outs, between periods or at half-time. Bands must coordinate their play so as to not interfere with play or with cheerleading squads on the floor or field.**
- 7. The throwing of debris, confetti, or any objects from the stands is prohibited. Offending individuals will be asked to leave the premises.**

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- 8. During a free throw in basketball, cheering/noise is permitted; however, no personal remarks or sudden loud noises may be made at the time of the shot.**
- 9. Spectators should encourage each other to observe courteous behavior. Improper behavior should be reported to the school authorities.**
- 10 Spectators will observe the rules of the local school concerning food and drink consumption, littering, parking, banners, flags and signs. Smoking is illegal on all school grounds in NYS.**
- 11 Spectators will respect and obey all school officials and supervisors at athletic events. School officials are the proper authorities to make decisions regarding rules and their interpretations. These decisions must be accepted.**
- 12 Athletic Contests are opportunities for our student-athletes to perform and be supported. All spectators need to remember that this is the number one priority.**

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