



GLEN OAK
ATHLETICS

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GlenOak High School Athletics

Parent & Spectator Guidelines for Sportsmanship

At GlenOak High School, we believe athletics are an extension of the classroom, fostering life lessons such as discipline, teamwork, respect, and responsibility. GlenOak High School is committed to promoting a positive environment for student-athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators. In alignment with the principles established by the NFHS and OHSA, the following guidelines are in place to uphold the values of respect, integrity, responsibility, and encouragement.

Expectations for Parents and Spectators

1. Support Positive Behavior

- Cheer for your team, not against the opponent.
- Encourage all athletes to do their best, regardless of the score.
- Recognize and applaud effort and sportsmanship on both sides.

2. Respect Officials and Coaches

- Accept the decisions of officials as fair and part of the game.
- Refrain from criticizing referees, coaches, or players during or after the game.
- Understand that officials are human and may make mistakes — your respectful attitude models maturity for our students.

3. Let Coaches Coach

- Avoid instructing players from the stands.
- Support the decisions of the coaching staff, even when you disagree.
- Discuss concerns with coaches at appropriate times (not during games or immediately afterward). See [Parent Communication Guidelines](#).

4. Honor the Game

- Demonstrate self-control and courtesy at all times.
- Maintain a sportsmanlike demeanor, regardless of the score.
- Avoid the use of profanity, derogatory comments, or aggressive behavior.
- Remember: high school sports are about students, not professional entertainment.



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5. Be a Role Model

- Your behavior sets the tone for students and other spectators.
- Show that win or lose, you value effort, teamwork, and fair play.
- Celebrate the educational and character-building aspects of high school athletics.
- Respect GlenOak High School's facilities and adhere to regulations.

Prohibited Conduct

Any spectator engaging in the following behaviors, not following the parent/spectator expectations, or not following the communication guidelines, may be subject to warning, removal from events, or future attendance restrictions:

- Harassment or intimidation of players, coaches, officials, or other fans whether it be in person or on an online platform.
- Use of inappropriate language or gestures.
- Being under the influence or engaging in disorderly conduct.
- Entering the playing area or engaging with players/coaches during competition.

* Note: Violations occurring at the end of a season may result in penalties that extend into the following season.

Commitment to Sportsmanship

GlenOak High School supports the OHSAA "[Respect the Game](#)" initiative. We ask all parents and fans to commit to these values, remembering that high school sports are about education-based athletics and are an extension of the classroom.

Let's work together to ensure a safe, respectful, and spirited environment for all participants.



Participation in athletics is a privilege that extends to spectators. Your presence is appreciated, and your sportsmanship is essential. Thank you for supporting GlenOak High School student-athletes in a way that reflects the values of our school and community.