

WIAA Sportsmanship Survey

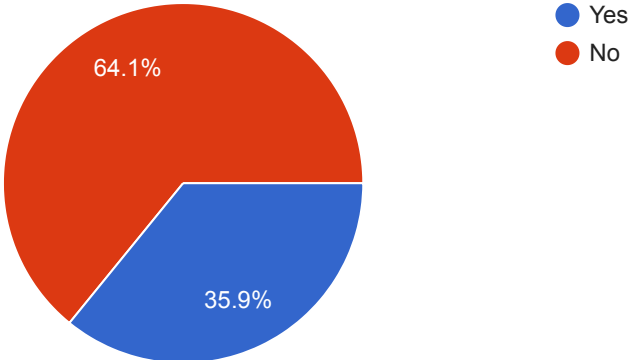
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Has your school attended the Sportsmanship Summit in the last 5 years?

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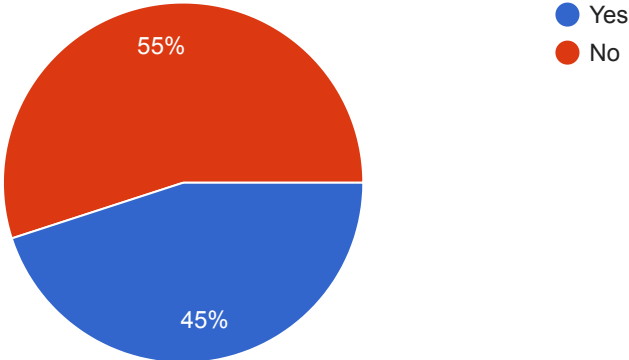
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Does your conference host a sportsmanship conference?

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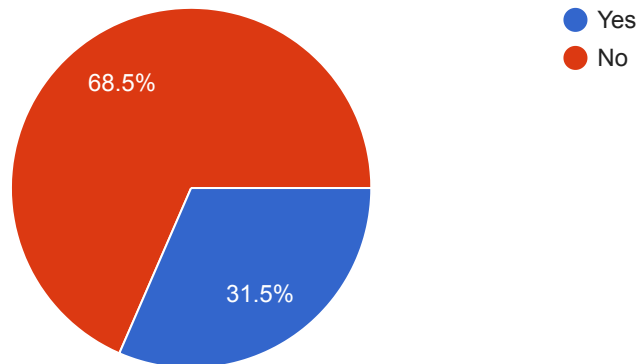
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Do you have a dedicated sportsmanship or fan club/student section type committee or advisory council?

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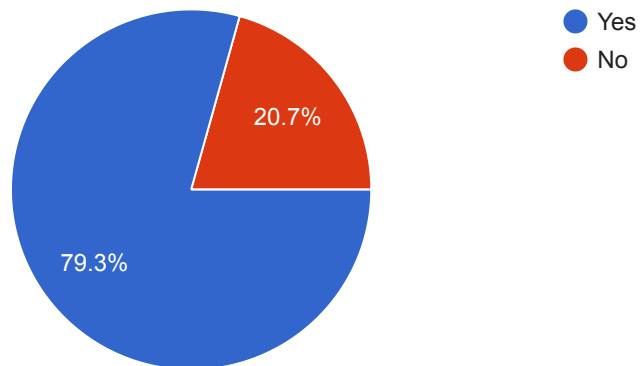
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Do you feel there are inconsistencies between what athletic directors find acceptable/unacceptable behavior?

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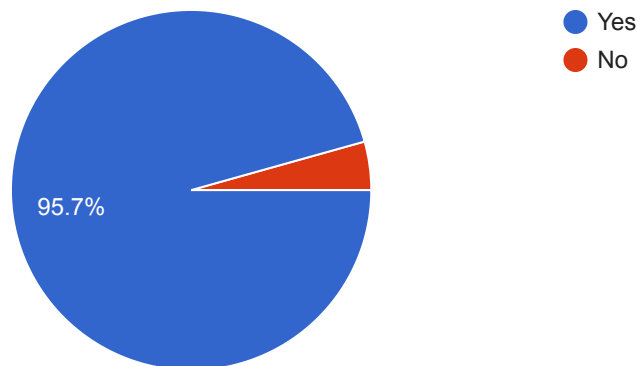
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Do you believe you have the support of school administration and the school board to enforce sportsmanship expectations?

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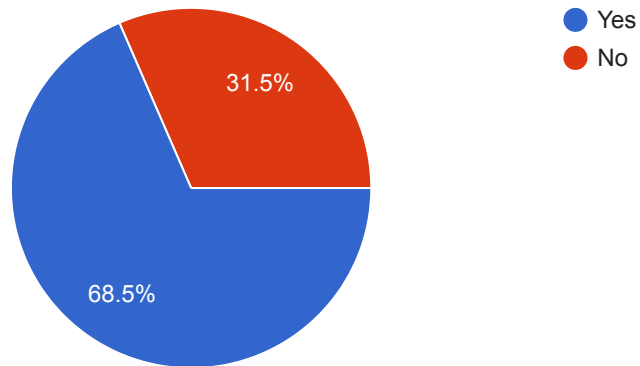
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Do you conduct a sportsmanship expectations presentation at pre-season sports meetings with student-athletes AND parents?

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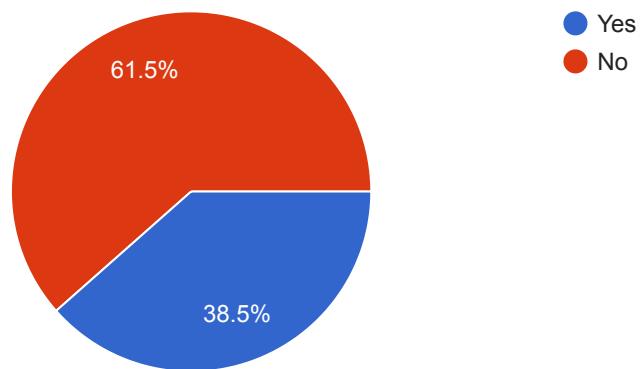
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Do you reward or have recognition for good sportsmanship?

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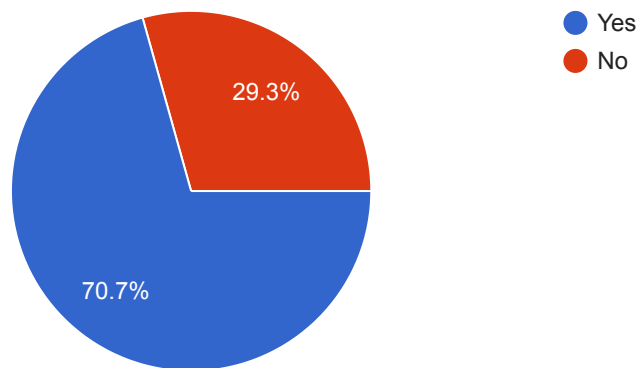
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Do you address sportsmanship at events and on social media?

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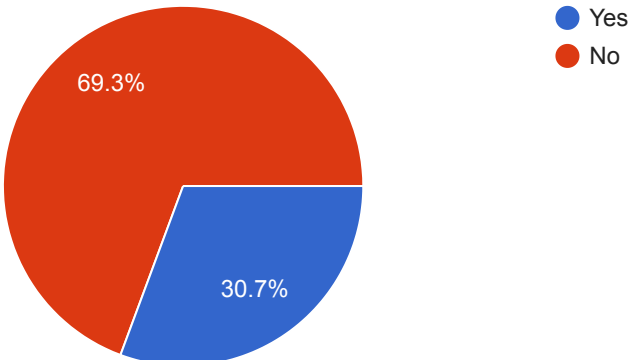
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Have you made changes to your facility layout or seating assignments that had a positive effect on minimizing sportsmanship or student section issues?

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If you answered yes to the last question please provide details of your changes.

146 responses

N/A

NA

We have separated student sections to opposite sides of the bleachers in our new facility.

We meet once a week and go over sportsmanship

Moved our student section near the main entrance---to avoid students running the end line during basketball games potentially interfering with live play.

Separating student sections with a buffer of adults in between them. Also have had visiting students enter separate doors to minimize opportunities for poor sportsmanship (taunting, trash talking, physical contact, signs, etc.)

Placement of student sections farther away from each other. Flip gym to let teams in and out of gymnasium quicker to avoid potential negative fan interactions with players.

I have the student sections setting directly across from their respective school benches.

Mirror the tournament procedures outline of our gyms. We place a supervisor or admin by our student section at all events. Knowing the visiting schools are "bad" or will travel a lot of kids, I hire an additional supervisor or admin for their section.

Fans sit in different sections and are allowed to only go to the concession stands on their side of the field. They also enter and exit from separate sides.

Arranged seating so that it is more difficult for students to verbally irritate opposing fans and benches.

We place the student sections, at home events, diagonally across from one another. Signs indicate where people should be sitting.

We have moved our student section a row up from the floor. Students are not allowed to stand on the floor during the game action.

Seating student section on the same side of the court on the furthest ends.

We have a consistent Sportsmanship message that goes out on our social platforms at 2:00 pm on Tuesdays consistently. We also create videos for our Daily Announcements. We are currently working on displaying a sportsmanship message prior to our main gym events.



Our scholars sit by the entry, which limits unnecessary traffic. It also keeps their seats in close proximity of a game manager. Additionally, their spot is across the gym from either team's bench.

The placement of student sections and supervisors.

Student Section Location for Volleyball was right behind the away team and since they don't switch benches now it became an issue.

Moved Student Sections so they are not behind our home bench or directly across from each other.

Hockey is always a challenge. It is off school grounds so there seems to be a misunderstanding by both parents and students that they can act in a more negative way. We have dedicated admin. to be at certain hockey games to help enforce proper behaviors. Depending on student section size at vb or bball we will move or put the visiting student section in an appropriate dedicated location.

Adjusted seating in gymnasium to what is expected in WIAA tournament series.

Students should not cross in-front of other student sections! Parents behind their own benches.

We have moved our student section to the opposite corner of the visiting teams student section.

We have changed where certain sections are located in the stands that has seemed to help.

We did make a change to our gym layout, to now follow the WIAA gym seating recommendations. We have not found that it has helped with student section issues.

We have followed the WIAA Basketball plan for fans assigned to seating.

I meet with admin and security weekly to review events and procedures that are in place

We are now prohibiting fans from entering the field/court after contests.

Our students are in an area where they cannot talk to opposing team members unless they want the entire gym to hear them. We also added verbiage in our co-curricular handbook that if you get removed from a co-curricular event as a spectator it is a co-curricular violation.

Moved spectator seating assignments, specifically student sections, across or behind own team benches. Create seating assignments that minimize potential interactions between opposing student and parent fan sections.



Our students sections have always been at opposite ends of the gym.

Student sections face their teams benches for most games

Have not had to make any facility changes at this time.

New building meant we could design our student sections and family sections appropriately. Student sections are directly across from team benches. Works great.

Student sections on opposite sides of gym.

We used to use both sides of our gym. Now we use one to prevent foot traffic for indoor events. For football we've tried to only have one entrance as opposed to two to make sure students from our school are attending.

having student sections separated but on the same side of the gym seemed to help with the banter back and forth.

We have added more staff to our games that stand directly in front of or near the student section. By having that staff presence it shows students that an adult is always near and watching.

Quite a while ago we enacted a preferred seating section in the student section at home games. In order to sit in the preferred section a student had to personally seek out the principal or AD on the day of the game to obtain a preferred section pass. Passes were only allotted to those students that cheered positively for our team. If students outside the section continued to cheer negatively they were ejected and a phone call home or meeting was made with the AD and the student the next day. We have since no longer had to do this because it cleaned up the behavior in the student section and now it's simply an expectation.

Moving the home/away student sections so that they are not next to each other, but so that they are diagonal across from each other, on opposite corners of the gym/stadium seating.

For Volleyball, we put student sections in front of team benches and try not to rotate benches.

Student sections on opposite sides of basketball court. Home on one side, Visitors on the the other. And opposite ends of bleachers.

When we built the new high school.

We have labeled seating and make sure we follow the WIAA hosting outlines as far as where we place the student sections.

We moved the student section from behind the players to the opposite side of the gym.



Maintaining a consistent location of student sections that creates space/divide in between them to reduce conflicts due to proximity.

We follow the guidelines of where students and parents should be seated for our athletic events and it is been very beneficial to keep students and parents in certain areas.

Having student sections adjacent to each other as opposed to facing each other reduced inciting cheers, this had been case at basketball and moving to it across all sports opposite team benches was helpful. Not having volleyball teams switch benches also improved sportsmanship

Home/away students sit on one side of the gym and home/away parents sit on the other side. Administration or Athletic Director is between the student section.

We made sure that all students are off the wood floor when indoors (must be on or in bleachers). We also ensure that all student sections are on the same side of the gym so they are not looking at each other during the game.

Put student sections on the same side of the gym but opposite ends

We changed the locations of our student sections. They're still on opposite sides of the court but they are now sitting diagonal from each other instead of straight across.

We have moved our student section to provide better walking access to and from the restroom and concession stand. This makes for a better overall experience for our spectators

We moved the student section over to avoid an across the court back and forth scenario.

Location of spectators - keep apart
Videoboard - announcements

Visitor student section behind their teams bench.

Dedicated home and away student section bleachers

Putting both student sections on the same side of the gym. That way they don't yell stuff back and forth the entire time. Also, it has made it much easier to manage when volleyball stopped switching sides. This ensures that student sections are placed in front of their own teams and not the opponent.

Moved student sections to the opposite side of the gym so as NOT to be right behind the team benches. We also added our band to our student section.

At volleyball games of opening both sets of bleachers to allow people to spread out and less issues in the stands with students and adults.



This year we swapped our team bench areas and moved the visiting student section from behind the visiting team bench to across from the visiting team bench.

Our student section closest to the primary entrance, not "hidden" in a corner. We place the visiting student section diagonally from our student section. The visitor student section is directly behind the visitor's bench.

There was no other place to add comments about the questions below. We play against schools where the kids know each other well, they talk to each other including the crowd... and its all done in good fun. The problem is other people in the crowd don't know the connections and things look bad. It would be nice if there were comment section under each statement to address concerns about the different acts.

We have placed student sections where they are not near the opposing team benches and also in locations where spectators from either community not in high school can distance themselves from the student sections.

Student sections are on opposite sides of playing surfaces rather than on the same side. They do not need to walk in front of each other which has helped dramatically.

n/a

No Changes

This is actually a response to the question: Chanting "you can't do that", "airball", "scoreboard", dribble dribble dribble", "warm up the bus," "you let the whole team down", "overrated", "fundamentals", "we can't hear you". I answered "Acceptable", but I would like to clarify. We would find all of them acceptable, with the exception of "you let the whole team down" and "overrated". These two are unacceptable.

We have our student sections sit on opposite directions of the gym to ensure student sections are not close to each other.

Flipped the gym seating to minimize opposing student sections having altercations

moved visitor student section to sit across from visitors bench rather than across from home bench and home students

Separate home and visiting student sections.

separated visitor students and fan sections from home students and fan sections

I have simply changed where our student section is for our indoor events. It was a simple change which worked and kept our kids away from the opposing students.



We don't allow students to stand on the floor. Students from both schools must be on opposing sides.

student section bleachers behind our South basket

we keep our students and opposing student behind their team benches.

booster club banner with sportmanship expectation

We have moved the location of the student sections to deter unacceptable conduct and provide better supervision.

Typically we put student sections behind their team benches.

I have things set up as directed by WIAA tournament time. Our gym is very small. I also have a specific way that visiting teams are escorted to their locker room. Aside from facility, I reassure the officials that I support them to uphold the sportsmanship expectations. My leadership group members put up a bunch of NIAAA posters in and around our gym to promote good sportsmanship. I have a banner made and hanging on the wall the shows we earned the WIAA Excellence Award with a purpose to imply that this is the standard we expect to live by.

I put up signs, so people no where to sit

moved the students from the same side of the court from each other, divided (physically) the areas where intermixing may occur at football games

Baseline bleachers assisted in less complaints from parents, as students were completely separated from everyone else.

Student section across from team bench.

for basketball and volleyball we do not use the suggested seating. our gym's layout really is better utilised with our seating locations.

I just finished the last question on this survey, then came back to this one, since this is the only one where we get an opportunity to narrate a response. This whole survey should have allowed a free response section or "other" responses opportunity. If we take away all the fun from attending contests, then the students will stop attending. you need to give them some rope, and teach them not to hang themselves with it.

New gym layout requires student sections to be on different ends of the gym.

We make sure our student section is behind our own team's bench to help keep the focus on our own team rather than on the visiting team.



Student sections are on the same side and not across from each other.

The biggest thing we did was separate the student sections and require staff members of both schools to attend and supervise

Assigned student seating away from opponent.

We have moved our student section towards the end bleachers, farther away from visiting student section. Our captain of our student section, especially during volleyball, introduces themselves to the up ref. He asks what is allowed and not allowed before each game. This helps define the line as well. I have had a lot of referees like this.

Moved opposing student section to a different part of the gym

Separated home visiting seating at off campus hockey site. Keep Student sections on same side so they are not across from each other.

Keep home fans on one side and opposing on the other. Student fans aren't passing in front of each other making comments and adult fans tend to be territorial. Separating in this fashion eliminated the issues.

Student sections are separated and away opposite sides of the gym

We have followed the guidelines for WIAA games and placed the two student sections on the same side of the court across from their respective benches.

Creating a space between home and away sections on opposite sides of the gym.

Students are not placed directly behind opposing benches.

Moved student sections to the other side of the gym.

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In the event you believe a line has been crossed regarding sportsmanship from fans/students, what is the standard protocol for addressing the behavior within your facilities?

387 responses

Remove the fan

Discussion with the individual(s). Removal if continued.

depends on the severity . . . anywhere from a conversation with the student/parent through school suspension

The game manager will address the person/persons individually and if the behavior continues they are removed from the facility.

Bring parties in and discuss the matter

removal

Speak to the students/fans and if the behavior does not change, eject the person(s) responsible.

In-person meeting with any student or fan that has crossed the line.

First step, talk to the offender, second step, remove them.

If we can address it we will but if a non-negotiable line is crossed the offending fan is ejected from the facility

We warn and if continues we remove

I have a conversation with them and ask them to stop. Tell them if it continues that they will be asked to leave.

I communicate with individuals involved. We seldom have a lot of things that are considered an issue.

Removal of fan from facility. If our fan, we meet personally with them, sometimes this leads to a ban for which we do ticket for trespassing if they show up.

Game management addresses any problems

As the game manager I go directly to the source and address the matter.



Admin or event manager steps in.

The individual(s) is talked to you and if the behavior does not improve they are removed.

Administration/Game Management will address the issue.

I approach the student/fan and talk about our expectations. If it happens again, the fan/student is removed. If an official asks for a fan/student to be removed at any point during a contest, they are immediately

Speak to student (s) directly, if continues remove that student fan from game.

The fan/student is removed by event staff.

By applying school code of conduct rules

School administration handle.

Warning then kicked out of event

I, as AD, usually just talk with the kids about it. We have very few problems with our student section nor others that visit.

Verbal warning. Removal from contest for subsequent offenses. Sportsmanship class to return at a later date.

The game manager will address the issue directly with the fan. In extreme cases, the fan(s) are removed from the facility.

It is addressed by game supervision and a warning is given. If the behavior continues, the offender will be removed from the game.

AD addresses the issue.

Individual students can/have been ejected from the contest. They then have a time limit ban pending completion of the NFHSLearn sportsmanship course as well as a meeting with the Athletic Director.

Game management in most cases if the behavior is not too obnoxious will be given a warning or asked to stop. If problem persists, that person or group of people will be removed.

The Game Manager is asked to communicate with the offender to let them know that it is not acceptable and if it continues they are asked to leave.



Initially asked to refrain from behavior, if they can't they are asked to leave, if needed local law enforcement will be called to ensure that individual leaves

We address the student and let them know the behavior is not acceptable. If it happens again they will be asked to leave.

Removal from event. If it is a student, they can be punished with further event attendance based on the severity of the behavior. Our village where our school is located also has a sportsmanship ordinance that can result in a ticket if authorities are called.

Remove the fan. Remove from future events.

Report to game manager - 1 warning - Then removal from facility

An polite conversation, asking to correct the behavior

If appropriate one warning, if second time (or first incident was severe) fan is removed from contest and space, with an additional expectation to not return for duration of said week.

The game manager will address the situation according to severity. It could be a conversation or removal from event.

Address the fan, depending on the severity, they may be asked to leave

removed from the site of competition

Discussion with Student and others around them. If bad behavior continues they will be kicked out that not and possibly not be able to attend for certain amount of Time

Athletic Director gives a warning then removed from the building.

We have an assigned "Event Supervisor" whose job is to control the crowd and any other situations. Our protocol is a verbal warning, followed up by the section must be seated or leave. If an official voices a complaint about a fan, they are to be removed from the game.

Warning, if they have to be talked to again they will be removed. If the situation was "over the line" they'd be removed without warning.

Below, there is a lot of gray area. There is a huge difference between we can't hear you and you let your team down. Chants shouldn't target individual players or coaches.

Removing fan from gym

Direct conversation warning and/or removal from the event. If PSLO is present we use that resource as well. Some of the below are interesting. Can a student section be quiet during a



free throw to throw off a shooter? Can they be screaming during a free throw? Discerning an acceptable noise during free throw shooting or serving is an interesting conversation. Can fans cheer or moan or groan at calls? There is a difference between good sportsmanship in involving a student section (being loud and distracting) to poor sportsmanship of calling out individuals by name, something racially or harassing in nature.

A school administrator talks with the person and explains our expectations.

Addressing the incident directly with the person. Following District spectator handbook.

Give warning then removal

Game manager addresses the situation directly.

1st have a discussion with the individual/s involved as a warning about what is expected.
2nd if no changes are made to their behavior we ask them to wait in the cafeteria outside the gym or may be asked to leave due to the severity of the actions

Students - warning first, if their is a second offense then they are kicked out and if removed then a meeting with AD. Remove from events happens at this meeting!

First - Talk to the individual. If the negative behavior continues, the individual will be removed.

Conversation with the person or group of people. If not resolved than asked to leave.

Usually, it means that the gym supervisor moves to sit beside the problem students.

I connect with all students sections upon arrival. I let them know they can come to me with questions and to keep it fun and positive. If I have to address a situation, I address it and connect with their school's AD.

Administration, Police presence, and how can we prevent this in the future.

Game manager will speak with those involved. If behavior is not corrected, then ejection from the event will occur. If the incident occurs at an away game and it involves our fans, we will bring those fans in for a meeting with the Athletic Director.

We talk with the individuals immediately

We talked to the individuals involved and if excessive, they will get kicked out.

Administration or security addresses them and gives them an opportunity to stay if they can act appropriately. If not, they are escorted out.



Depending on the nature of the offense, game management will address with directive to cease or removal of the offending parties. AD will follow up with those parties soon thereafter.

Remove the fan(student or adult). Suspension if it's one of our kids or adults. We contact the opposing school if it's on of theirs.

AD or Site Manager directly addresses the individual and explains the expectations moving from that point forward. If it needs to be addressed again, AD or Site Manager removes individual from the contest if deemed necessary.

Being proactive and getting in front of potential issues always works best. School culture starts during the school day and extends to extra curricular events. When issues arise, they are addressed IMMEDIATELY and any persons crossing the line are removed from the event.

We will remove the offender from the situation

Collect information and act accordingly be it removal from the event or passing along the information to the appropriate individuals.

Remove fan and talk with the person removed after a 24 hour cooling off period. If it is a visiting fan, notify visiting school's AD and/or Principal of the situation

Regarding this question:

Chanting "you can't do that", "airball", "scoreboard", dribble dribble dribble", "warm up the bus," "you let the whole team down", "overrated", "fundamentals", "we can't hear you"

We allow some but not all chants listed.

Expectations are revisited once. If behavior continues, the fan is removed from the event and will not be allowed back until a meeting is held with administration.

1) Address the student directly, 2) remove from game, 3) suspend from attending future games.

I address the individuals. If it is an opposing fan (student or adult), I address the issue the next day with their AD.

We have a huge buffer between student sections and in most cases home adults fill that buffer. We also have supervisors for each student section. Our supervisor for the visiting students always connects with one of the student leaders and lays out expectations and encourages the group to be loud and proud, but to make sure they are positive toward their own group and never call out opponents by name.

Talk to the fan or students, stand with them for a period of time, thank them for their cooperation



Point out the fans behavior and let them know that it will not be tolerated. If it continues, they will be asked to leave.

When borderline address the fan individually. When over the line, have the fan removed.

I or our administrators will address the fan specifically. We remove them from the stand to have a conversation with them.

The event supervisor addresses the behavior with the individuals as soon as possible.

Removal from the event. If a fan/student is removed from an event they will not be able to attend the next three home events.

School Administration or supervisors address the behavior immediately and depending on the severity fans/students are removed from the event.

Talk to the person and if the behavior continues, they will be asked to leave the event.

AD or other staff member will address the issue with the student(s) during the game (if brought to our attention) or witnessed first hand by the staff member or the next school day if the complaint/issue doesn't come until after the game.

Myself as the athletic director, or an administrator at the game, will go talk to that individual. Depending on the severity of what has occurred they will either get a warning or be asked to leave. We also have a police officer at our events that can assist if needed

Depending on the situation, we have a discussion with the individual(s). If that does not curb with behavior we let them know they are not allowed to attend for a period of time.

Remove the students from the gym

Host school administrator has a discussion with fans/students and lets them know that the behavior is inappropriate. If it continues, fans/students will be removed.

Depends on severity. Minor is 1 warning, anything after that or if the first offense is major the fan is ejected. Again depending on severity and/or if they are unwilling to leave, fans have been ticketed by local law enforcement for disorderly conduct on school grounds.

Removal. Possibly a ban from further events depending upon the offense.

First a conversation, second ejection

depending on the initial behavior, I first go over and sit by/talk with those involved. If it continues, then I ask that they leave the event.



Conversation to removal.

Depending on the situation, either a warning for that individual or they are asked to leave

The student or parent is ejected and receives a three game suspension as well.

Redirection if minor. Removal if major.

Phone calls and review of expectations.

contact crowd control person and have them address it

We typically have a game manager or AD on site that addresses the issue with the spectator.

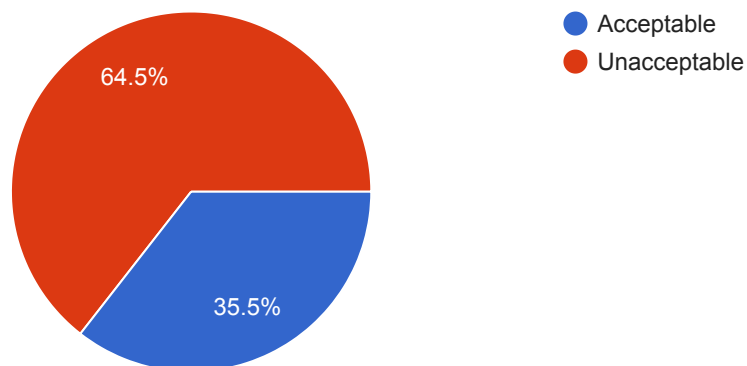
I call the student/parent in for a meeting to discuss the behavior that was in question. The principal usually sits in on the meeting.

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Turning your back on the opposing team during introductions.



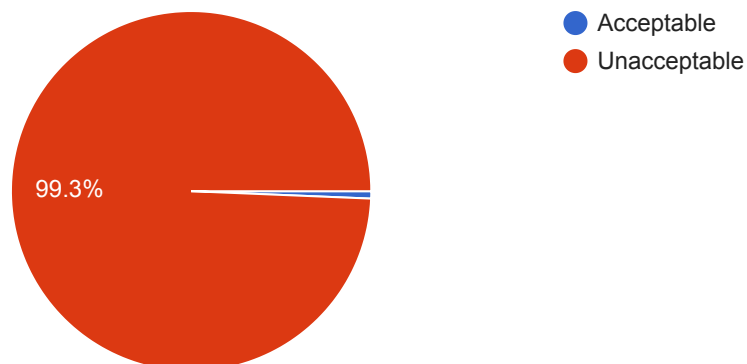
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Shouting "sucks" after the introduction of every opposing player.



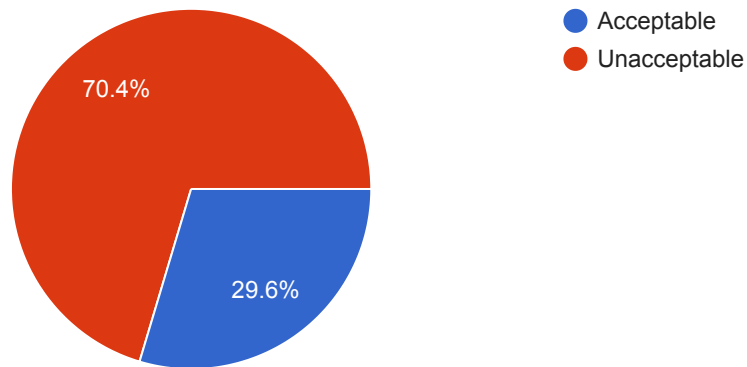
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Making animal noises during free throws.

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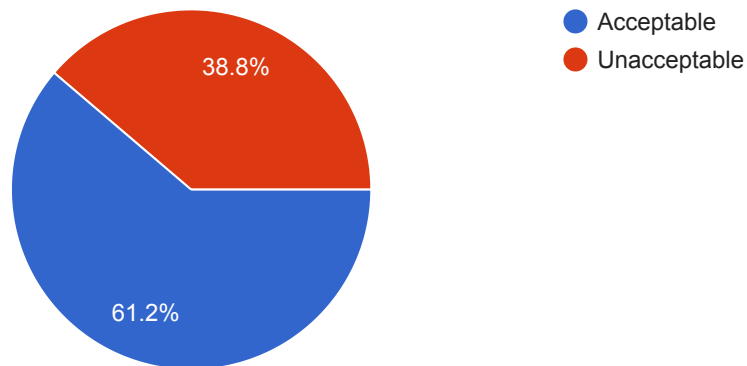
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Chanting "you can't do that", "airball", "scoreboard", dribble dribble dribble", "warm up the bus," "you let the whole team down", "overrated", "fundamentals", "we can't hear you"

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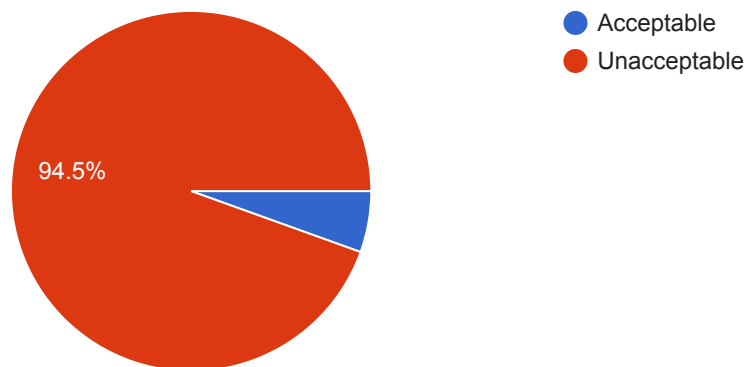
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Fans talking to opposing players, by name or by number.

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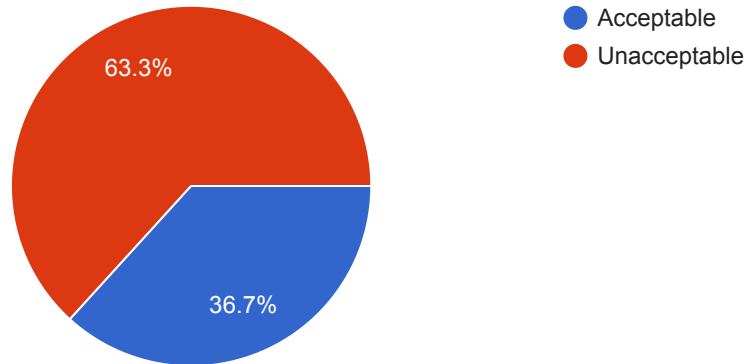
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Allowing students from opposing school to sit near or walk in front of opposite school student section.

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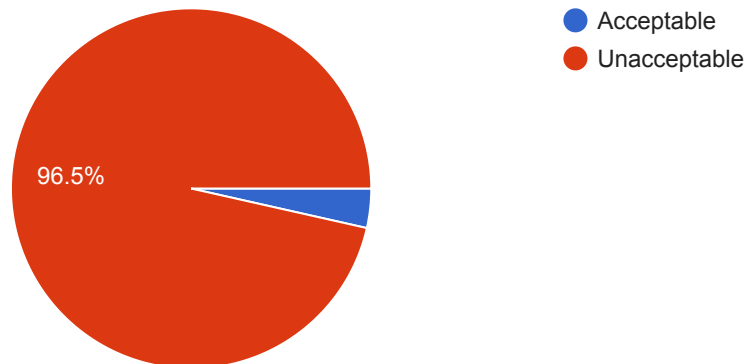
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Fan themes that target negative stereotypes of the opposing school.

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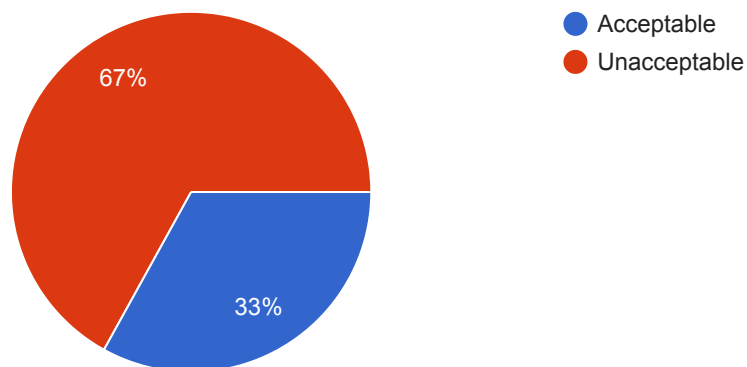
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Allow students to bring in props (garbage cans, whiteboards, etc...).

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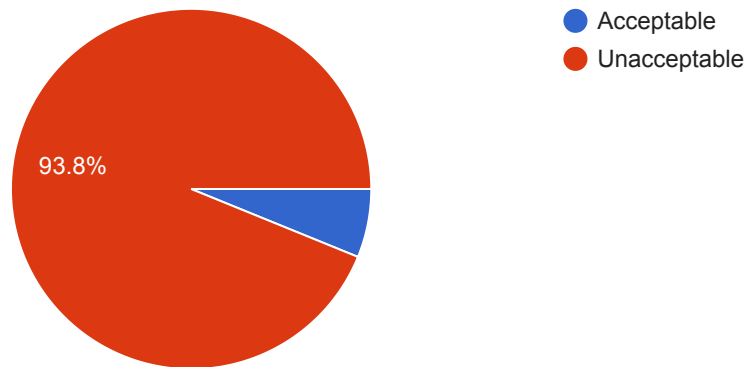
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Go shirtless.

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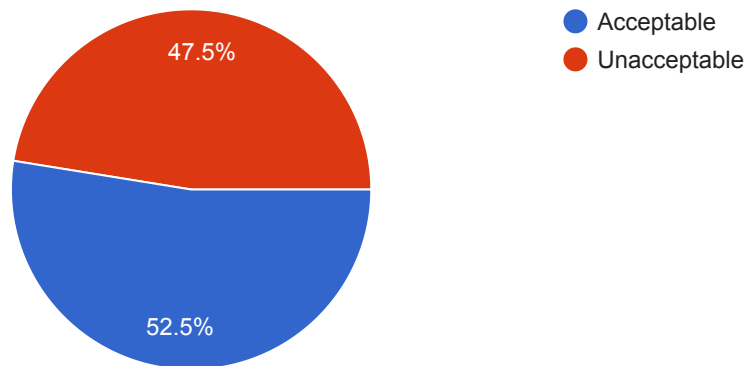
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Holding up newspapers during starting lineups.

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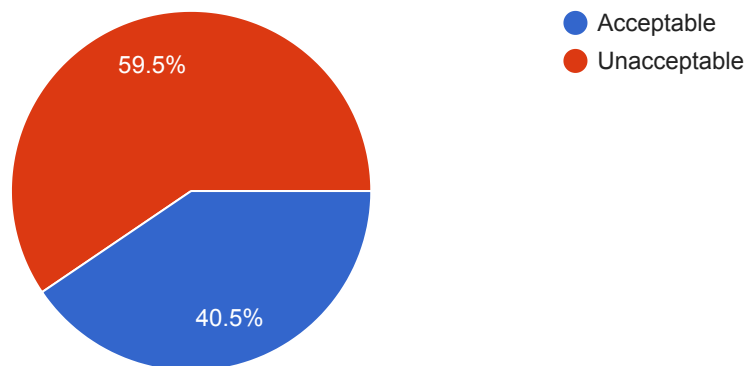
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Chanting "ice is slippery" when a player falls or shouting "sieve" when a goal is scored.

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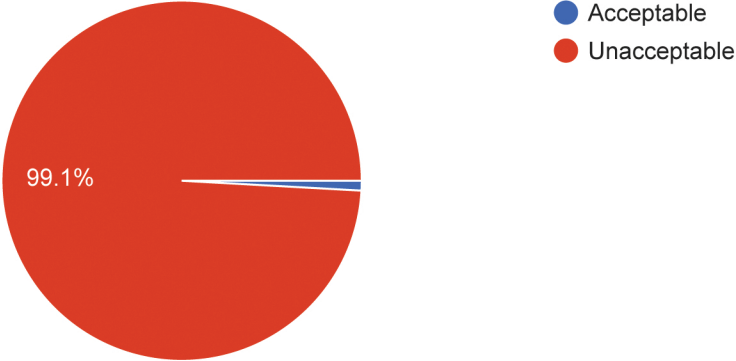
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Addressing the opponent, opponent's fans or officials with intent to disrespect or influence.

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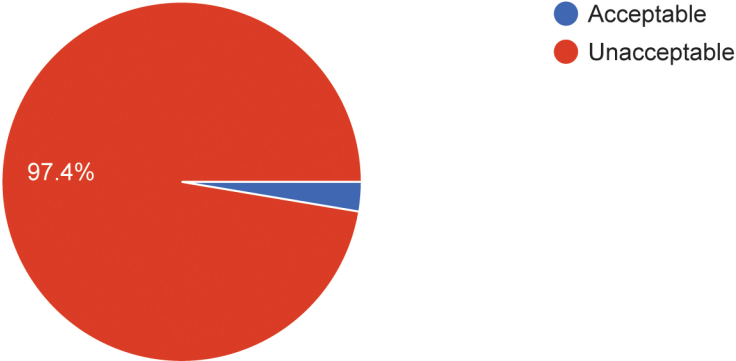
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Fans Criticizing officials.

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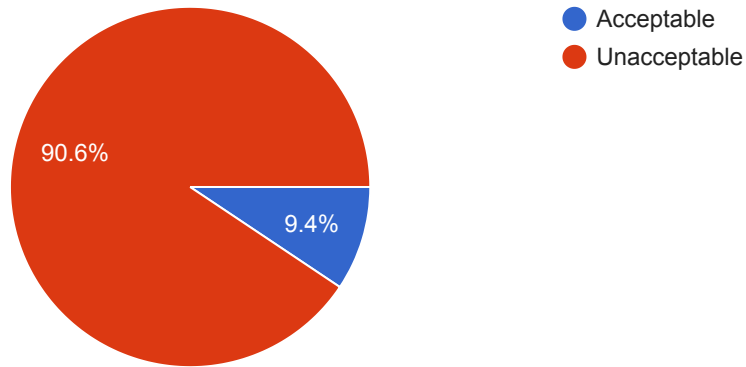
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Players trash talking while playing.

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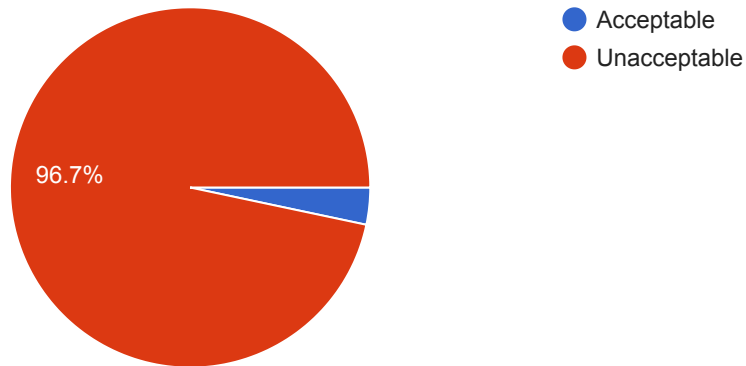
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Player or fans trash talking on social media.

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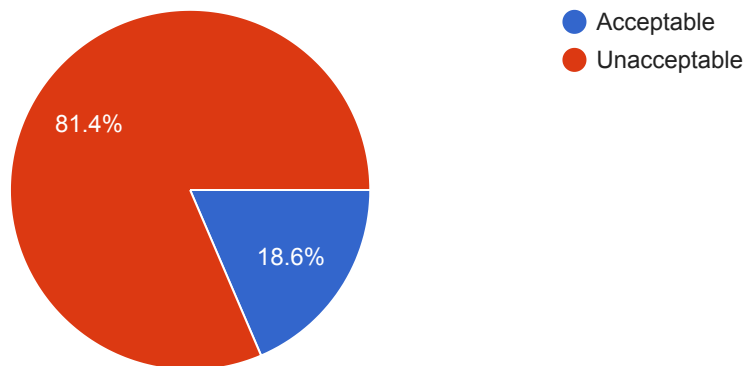
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Players excessively celebrating .

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442 responses



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