

Christian Brothers Academy

Spectator Behavior and Sportsmanship

What is Expected in General

- Spectators in attendance at school events are expected to have fun by demonstrating positive enthusiasm without causing harm, danger or embarrassment to others or to the school.
- Spectators are to demonstrate common sense—respect toward opponents, players, coaches and officials.
- Spectators are to police their own ranks and demand proper behavior from fellow spectators. One's individual behavior can affect the total group.
- Spectators are expected to demonstrate respect and pride for the school.

What is Specifically Expected

- During the National Anthem, spectators are to face the flag, not to talk, listen to the public address announcer for instructions to sing or not, and to remain still until the end of the anthem.
- Proper language is to be used. No swearing or language which is offensive to others will be tolerated. High school events are a family activity. Individual and group vulgarity is unacceptable, as is verbal harassment and booing of players, coaches and officials.
- Obscene gestures are unacceptable.
- Dangerous and boisterous behavior, such as pushing, shoving or fighting is not acceptable.
- The throwing of objects, even toilet paper, at fellow spectators, band members, cheerleaders, officials, players, or onto the playing surface, is unacceptable and could result in an injury or the team being penalized by the game official.
- Respect is the key to good sportsmanship. Opponents should be respected. They are not enemies, but teenagers who happen to attend other schools.
- Be modest and humble in victory or defeat. It is easy to be a good winner and difficult to show class when you lose.
- Acknowledge good plays by both teams.
- Be concerned with anyone who is injured. Give concerned applause when an injured athlete is aided from the field.
- Work together with cheerleaders for positive chants and avoid obscene, degrading or elitist cheers—when you participate in an elitist cheer, you give support to an elitist image.
- At halftime, watch any performance or presentation if possible, acknowledge the hard work, preparation and performance of those involved, and do not in any way, detract from the performance.
- After the game, do not tease or belittle the opponent in any way and be pleasant and gracious to everyone.

What CBA Wants Most

- A large turnout at events.
- Exemplary sportsmanship from players and fans.
- To be proud of its teams and fans at contests.

Thank you for your cooperation!