



Spectator Guidelines and Expectations

At Gardner-Dickinson School, we strive to provide a safe and positive athletic experience for the players, coaches, and officials. Spectators are expected to encompass the values of good sportsmanship and should model good sportsmanship by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. Spectators must be responsible for their words and actions while attending a GD athletic event, home or away.

Consequences will ensue if any spectators engage in the following:

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct toward any coach, parent, athlete, official or other attendee;
2. Any behavior that would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, participant, official or other attendee;
3. Verbal or physical threats to anyone;

4. Coaching any player from the sidelines or stands during practice or competition, as this may be distracting to the individual and the team, and may directly conflict with the coach's strategy;
5. Treating any coach, parent, participant, official or other attendee with disrespect based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability;
6. Initiating a fight or scuffle with anyone;
7. Approaching a coach to discuss the coach's strategy or the playing time of a player immediately before, during, or after a game. Please wait until the next day to contact the coach.

Spectators who engage in any of these behaviors while attending a GD athletic event will be subject to disciplinary action by authorized game or school officials, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

- Verbal or written warning
- Suspension or immediate ejection from a sports event
- Season suspension or multiple-season suspension