

Lingleville Youth Sports Inc follows Lingleville ISD district policies for Treatment of Officials, Expectations of Spectators, Athletes, and Coaches, and Behavior Expectations of Spectators. LYS Inc also follows UIL rules and guidelines for league operation of basketball season.

We ask that you take time to familiarize yourself with the following policies:

As Basketball season approaches, we would like to advise everyone on what is stated not only in our athletic handbook but the UIL rules and guidelines. Failure to abide by these rules will result in removal from the contest and a 2 week ban from all home and away contests for spectators.

#### Treatment of Officials

The Lingleville ISD administration and athletic department feel it is very important that sportsmanship is demonstrated at all athletic contests. Athletes must understand the importance of respecting the decisions of game officials. Spectators should exhibit the same respect to game officials. The officials are impartial arbitrators who are trained and who perform to the best of their ability. Mistakes by all those involved in the contests are a part of the game. Spectators verbally abusing officials with insults, threats and profanity can result in the athletic team being punished under the rules of the UIL. This punishment can result in a team having to forfeit a contest or possibly being suspended or disqualified from playoff competition. Be sure everyone understands the potential seriousness that could result in the school's athletic program if misbehavior of spectators is reported to the UIL.

#### Lingleville ISD Expectations of Spectators, Athletes, and Coaches

- Good sportsmanship is a must. Be the example.
- Show respect at all times.
- Profanity will not be tolerated.
- Insults directed to officials, players, coaches, or other fans will not be tolerated
- No noisemakers are allowed at indoor competitions.
- Only cheers that support the teams will be allowed.
- Those unable to exhibit proper sportsmanship will be unable to attend games.

Following are a list of behavior expectations of athletes and spectators. These lists appear in the Sportsmanship Manual developed by the UIL. Become aware of these expectations, as well as the ones above, and put them into action. Together we want to present a positive image to the game officials and to our opponents.

#### BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS OF SPECTATORS

- Remember that you are at the contest to support and yell for your team, and to enjoy the skill and competition – not to intimidate or ridicule the other team or its fans.
- Remember that school athletics are a learning experience for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people, just as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
- A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, during, and after the game on or near the site of the event.
- Use only cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- Be a positive role model at events through your own actions and by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.