

HWDSB

ATHLETICS

Code of Conduct for Spectators to Hamilton-Wentworth Interscholastic Athletic Council (HWIAC) Events

HWDSB & HWIAC are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment that is free of violence, abuse and harassment. Everyone is welcome and should expect to help promote an environment where people are treated in a courteous, professional, considerate and respectful manner by all spectators, staff and participants. Accordingly, in alignment with the Ontario Safe Schools Act, HWDSB has a zero-tolerance policy and will not tolerate unsafe, abusive, unlawful or offensive conduct at our events. The Spectator Code of Conduct reminds spectators to:

- Cheer in a positive manner
- Respect officials decisions
- Not interfere with the competition
- Keep off of the playing area
- Be courteous and respectful

The following conduct addresses conduct that is inconsistent with HWDSB:

- Behaviour that is unruly, disruptive, threatening or violent in nature, including verbal or physical harassment of officials, student-athletes, teacher-coaches, staff or other spectators
- Conduct that is illegal
- Conduct that results in damage to the facility or other personal property
- Displaying signs, symbols, images (including those associated with hate based organizations), using language or making gestures that are threatening, abusive, or discriminatory, including on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, ability, and/or sexual orientation
- Interfering with the competition, including; entering the field of play, throwing objects of any kind, incidents of distraction (e.g. artificial noisemakers, noise during a serve or foul shot, etc.)
- Failing to follow requests regarding event operations, policies and emergency response procedures
- Consumption or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drugs, other than medication prescribed by a medical doctor, whether of legal age or not, at any time during a HWIAC event.
- Any disruptive, harmful or disorderly behaviour or any act which presents a risk to the safety of other individuals, interferes with the competition or otherwise targets other spectators or other spectators enjoyment of the competition.

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct for Spectators may lead to ejection and/or penalties listed below:

Ejection, suspension of entry privileges, notification to appropriate sport governing bodies, requiring written letter of apology and/or requiring appropriate restitution.