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Jacksonville High School Event Expectations

Jacksonville High School, in association with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), promotes interscholastic events and sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is an essential part of any athletic competition and is expected from athletes, coaches, officials, and fans.

As a fan/spectator (student or adult) of Jacksonville High School, we want you to be an example of positive encouragement while supporting our athletes, coaches, and officials. Our behavior should be positive, respectful, and encouraging of the athletes, coaches, officials, and the game.

JHS Event Expectations Apply at Home and Away Contests

Jacksonville High School students and families are representatives of our school community wherever JHS teams compete. Students and fans are expected to follow Jacksonville High School behavior expectations and demonstrate appropriate sportsmanship at all athletic events, including events hosted by other schools.
Behavior at an away contest or at another school does not exempt our school community from school expectations. When an individual's conduct at an athletic event, whether at Jacksonville High School or another school, violates school expectations, disrupts the event, or negatively impacts the safety, well-being, or reputation of the school community, the individual or group may be subject to school disciplinary action in accordance with Jacksonville High School and district policies, even when the event is held at another school.

JHS events are always highlights of the school year. It is important to show our Crimson pride while respecting the Jacksonville community, other fans, and our competitors. Keep these expectations in mind for a safe and fun game-day experience.

• Jacksonville is known for its tremendous school spirit, a spirit that is noted by anyone who visits the school or attends one of its athletic contests. As the players on the field have a responsibility to do their very best, so also do the fans in the stands. Fan support is best when it is loud and positive; it should also be good-natured and sportsmanlike. Be a positive fan.
• Sportsmanlike behavior is expected before, during and after athletic contests while at competition sites.

• Taunting, negative cheering or confrontation with referees, opposing players, coaches and parents will not be tolerated. Serious offenses can lead to disciplinary probation or elimination from future attendance.
• Negative signs, banners or pictures are not permitted at our athletic events.
• Public confrontations with coaches or players will not be tolerated. All parents are encouraged to meet privately with staff members to discuss any issue that may be of concern.
• Parents are asked to demonstrate leadership at critical times – injured participants, the National Anthem, stressful game situations, dangerous circumstances are examples of moments of need for parents to exhibit positive behavior.
• The use of profanity is unacceptable.
• JHS students and parents are requested to refrain from eliciting negative comments, derogatory or inflammatory statements in public forums, including social media sites.
• Don't be a bystander. If one of your friends gets carried away, use your influence to discourage their inappropriate behavior.
• Athletes are responsible for displaying sportsmanship and representing Jacksonville High School in a way that reflects positively on the school community.

Have as much fun as possible while abiding by our guidelines for successful events. Have as much fun as possible while abiding by our guidelines for successful events. Show your Crimson pride, support our athletes, respect our opponents and officials, and represent Jacksonville High School with pride—wherever we compete.

Examples of acceptable behavior at JHS events.

-Maintain enthusiasm and composure, serving as a role model.
-Participate positively in the event or contest by supporting JHS players and coaches.
-Showing respect and concern for an injured player, no matter the team.
-Respect the decisions made by game officials.
-Respect fans, coaches and participants.
-Encourage surrounding fans to display sportsmanship.

Examples of unacceptable behavior at JHS events.

-Chants directed at a single opposing player or coach by name or number.
-Disrespectful or derogatory chants, songs, gestures directed at the opposing team.
-Use of profane, vulgar or abusive language or name-calling.
-Heckling an official's decision, criticizing officials in any way or displays of temper with an official's call.
-Engaging an opposing fan or group of fans in a dispute or argument.
-Chants that antagonize opponents or their fans
-Attempting to coach from the bleachers or sidelines, giving specific instructions to any participant.