~ BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS OF SPECTATORS ~

Eastland Maverick Fans are expected to set the example for Spectator Behavior. We may not like the "call" or the actions of the other "fans," but we WILL NOT respond in a negative way that might jeopardize our team's success or your child's success.

**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, its fans, or the officials.

**A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to assault others or be generally obnoxious verbally. That privilege may be revoked at any time.

**Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athletes. We should all admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.

**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, athletes, and people, just as you would praise a student working in the classroom.

**Learn the rules of the game so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations occur.

**Show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.

**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 (i.e., tailgating).

**Use only cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.

**Be a positive role model at events through your actions and by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.

**Parents and spectators should be aware that the school can (and should) remove them from the premises and can prohibit them from attending future contests due to undesirable behaviors.

**Game officials can ask that school administrators remove unruly fans from a UIL contest facility.

**There is no such thing as a "right" to attend interscholastic athletics. Interscholastic athletics are considered a "privilege." Anyone who attends these events is expected to conduct himself or herself accordingly.

**Keep in mind that you are a guest of the school and that while winning is certainly an admirable goal, it is hollow if it comes at the expense of morals, ethics, or just plain common sense.

The school is responsible for the behavior of its spectators. The school district can be and will be punished for the actions of patrons in violation of UIL standards and rules.

**Any spectator that does not follow and adhere to the rules set forth above will be subject to the following measures:

1st Offense: Warning

Any spectator deemed to be behaving inappropriately will be asked to stop or correct this behavior or will immediately be asked to leave under the second offense policy.

2nd Offense: Removal from Eastland ISD (or other school) facility

Any spectator having committed a second offense, or an action deemed severe enough will be subject to immediate removal and a 30-calendar day suspension from events. This may carry over into the next school year, if the suspension takes place within the 30 days of the end of school. After such removal, the offender will be required to meet with Eastland ISD Administration before returning to any Eastland ISD event. This includes ejections initiated by game officials.

3rd Offense: 60 Day Suspension

Any spectator committing a third offense will be subject to suspension for 60 calendar days from all events involving Eastland ISD. This may carry over into the next school year, if the suspension takes place within the 60 days of the end of school. During this period a meeting with Eastland ISD Administration will be required before a return to any Eastland ISD event will be allowed. This includes ejections initiated by game officials.

4th Offense: Calendar Year Suspension

Any spectator committing a fourth offense will be subject to suspension for a full calendar year. During this period a meeting with Eastland ISD Administration will be required before a return to any Eastland ISD event will be allowed. This includes ejections initiated by game officials.

*****Any incident involving threats, physical altercations, or deemed "severe" by Eastland ISD administrators could result in permanent suspension to any Eastland ISD event.****