



BRYAN ISD DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS
Dereck Rush -Executive Director of Athletics

Dear Parents and Fans,

We are very happy that you choose to attend Bryan ISD athletic events and support our student-athletes. We hope that you enjoy watching our students perform and show off their talents.

Statewide this season, there have been incidents involving fans verbally accosting officials, student-athletes, and coaches from the stands, and even some that have involved fans coming onto the playing field or floor. As a result of this unfortunate growing trend, the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO), has created an ["Abuse of Officials Policy"](#). This policy can be reviewed in its entirety by following the link provided or visiting the TASO webpage at www.taso.org. In short, the policy states that if during the course of the academic year, an individual school has 3 incident reports of abuse filed by an official, in any sport, the school is subject to sanction. This sanction can include the suspension of TASO official assignments for that school's home games in all sports.

This type of negative behavior can not, and will not, be tolerated at Bryan ISD events. It is imperative that our parents and fans maintain composure in the stands at all times and refrain from negative verbal comments and/or physical actions toward officials, players, and coaches. Furthermore, it is equally imperative that parents and fans remain in the stands and not come onto the playing field or court at any time, for any reason. This can be viewed as an act of aggression toward an individual or group of individuals and may be dealt with as such.

Bryan ISD has administration and security personnel at all home events, sub-varsity and varsity alike. If negative behavior, verbal or physical, is reported to or witnessed by school personnel action will be taken. Depending on the nature of the incident, the following consequences may be enforced:

- Verbal warning issued
- Reseating to another location within the facility
- Removal from the facility
- Suspension from future events for a period of time to be determined

We sincerely hope that our parents and fans will continue coming to support our student-athletes and enjoy their time at Bryan ISD events. It is our hope and goal to avoid implementing the consequences listed above, but most importantly to maintain order and the integrity of sport. If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to help, please contact the Bryan ISD Athletic Department at (979) 209-7990

Sincerely,

Dereck Rush
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