

WHS Guardian/Spectator Expectations:

Guardians and spectators are an important part of athletics and provide a vital source of support for our athletes in their activities. There are aspects of athletics that can be frustrating at times, with the game, and in the moment. This is why we all must do our part to ensure we keep our emotions in check and keep the experience positive for everyone. With this being said, there are expectations the program and school have set forth to ensure the season goes smoothly:

- Be a positive presence at games and events
- Think before you act – don't let emotions cloud your judgement
 - If spectator issues arise and/or continue to be an ongoing problem, behaviors presented may result in the loss of the ability to attend matches or be in the stadium
- Be respectful and courteous to all coaches, players, officials, spectators and visiting teams
 - Post-game field interaction: No team, ref, player or coach bashing/interaction while still in proximity of opponents or others – do it on your own time in privacy.
- Do not communicate with the referee's before, during or after the game – they are there as impartial third parties doing a job
- If problems/concerns arise during the season please follow the chain of command for communication
 1. Have your player advocate for themselves first – this helps them learn how to communicate effectively with authority figures and others
 2. Contact your players Head Coach, then the Athletic Director, then the Principle, and finally other administrative personnel if it escalates to that.
- Please do not approach the coaching staff with problems or concerns on the day of a game/event – **wait 24 hours after something has occurred to allow for cooling down**
 - If a situation requires immediate action or is a safety threat, do not hesitate to contact coaching staff or the correct personnel
 - After 24 hours have passed and you still wish to have a discussion, please set up a time for a face-to-face conversation with your players Head Coach – no discussions will take place virtually if we can help it!
- Manage your families and players schedules effectively – we understand that life happens
 - If your child will miss a game or practice, please have your player contact their head coach in a timely manner before the event
 - Order of priorities: academics, family activities and event (funerals, church, etc.), lacrosse....
 - Absence from any game or practice will result in your player not starting the next game
 - Failure for your player to notify a coach of an absences will result in your player not playing the first half of the next game

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Our goal as coaches is to ensure your players are developing and learning, and are becoming the best student-athletes they can be while also having fun. We understand that life happens and situations arise that may need immediate attention or a change of plans, so please be patient with us if things shift. Your players head coach will do the best they can to communicate changes regarding practice dates, times, and locations, as well as game day changes that occur in a timely manner. We will be relying on captains as well to convey important information to your players so check with them as well!