

**Marin County Athletic League
Sportsmanship Expectations of Fans and Spectators**

MCAL Statement on the Purpose of High School Athletics

The MCAL school members believe inter-school athletics facilitates the pursuit of excellence through community and competition. Our goal is to teach and develop the values of teamwork, pride, respect, commitment, hard work, sportsmanship and a winning attitude. As a league we believe that all members of our integrated athletic community--athletes, coaches, faculty and staff, parents, and fans--have a responsibility for contributing to the achievement of these goals.

Fan and Spectator Expectations

- ***Encourage your team through positive cheering and enthusiasm.*** Taunting, jeering, or other forms of negativity directed at athletes or other fans will not be tolerated.

- ***Sit in the area designated for your school.*** The show of collective support for your school's team is best expressed through a unified gathering and cheering.

- ***Be hospitable.*** Welcome the visiting team and officials into your school as a host/guest relationship. The home team fans set the tone for an event and their behavior is a direct reflection of their school's culture and values.

- ***Never, ever interfere with officials or players on either side of a contest.***

- ***Respect the facilities, courts, and fields.*** Fans must stay off the courts and fields at all times including half time or at the end of any contest.

Specifically, fans are expected to show good sportsmanship by abiding by the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No derogatory slurs or chants based on ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.● No harassing cheers or taunts directed at officials, players or other fans.● No responding to the other school's inappropriate chants or slurs.● No "booing" the other team or officials● No noise makers at indoor contests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No throwing of objects on the court or field.● No display of offensive signs, flags, or gestures that include profanity, or personal remarks● No use of cameras or flashlights, including cell phone lights.● No body or full face paint.
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Any violation of the above expectations will prompt administrative action and can result in immediate removal from the event, suspension of right to attend future events, and school site specific disciplinary consequences.

Furthermore, violation of these expectations can result in suspension and/or forfeiture of a contest. NOTE: ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY AT SCHOOL EVENTS INCLUDING ATHLETIC EVENTS.