

Ecole Classique
Sportsmanship in Athletics Guidelines

Athletics is an important part of any school and all students are encouraged to participate in the programs that are offered. In addition, parents are always encouraged to attend athletic contests and support their children. The administration of Ecole Classique wishes to remind everyone that sportsmanship in athletic contests is first and foremost.

The Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA), which regulates athletics, will impose sanctions on its member schools if serious infractions occur. In order to avoid sanctions by the LHSAA, the administration of Ecole Classique has prepared this simple set of guidelines, which should prevent any problems from developing.

PARENTS

- Alcohol is strictly prohibited at all LHSAA events. Please do not enter any athletic contest (home or away) with any type of alcoholic beverage.
- At no time is a parent allowed to confront a game official, before, during or after a contest. Confronting an official, for any reason, could result in your removal from the game and could result in the LHSAA banning you from any future contests.
- At no time is a parent allowed to enter the playing field area. If there is any type of problem on the field, please remain in the stands. It is the responsibility of the administration and coaching staff to handle any problems on the field. While some parents feel that they can help to diffuse altercations on the field, this always results in more problems and may result in criminal charges being filed against you.
- We understand your concern if your child is injured during an athletic contest and we realize that in some cases you want to go on the field to assist your child. Please do not just run onto the field. Please allow the coaches or administration to gain permission from the officials for you to enter the playing area.
- Yelling or screaming at officials usually causes more problems. Please remember that officiating is not as easy as it seems. Mistakes are going to be made. Please allow the coaches to handle this. Without the officials, we cannot play games.
- Please do not get into any confrontations with opposing parents, coaches or team members. If there is a problem, please alert the school officials.
- Officials do have the right to ask that any fan be removed from the premises if, in the opinion of the official, his/her behavior is causing a problem. Please remember that if an official requests that you be escorted from the playing site and if you refuse, the game can be stopped and forfeited.
- THE ACTIONS OF THE PARENTS MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONS BEING PLACED AGAINST THE SCHOOL AND PREVENTING THE STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY FUTURE ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

ATHLETES

Sportsmanship is one of the most important aspects of any athletic contest. You need to remember to win and lose with dignity. The administration of Ecole Classique will not tolerate any displays of poor sportsmanship. Please remember that your actions on the field could result in your removal from future athletic events.

Any athlete who is ejected from an athletic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct will, at a minimum, be suspended from the next athletic contest. This suspension may be extended to multiple games or even to the removal from all future athletic participation, depending on the severity of the situation. In order to prevent this from happening, please remember the following:

- At no time is fighting condoned on the playing field. Any athlete who is ejected from a contest for fighting or for throwing a punch will face suspension from future contests.
- At no time can you leave the bench to assist your teammates if a fight breaks out. This is a serious offense. You do not have to “protect our teammates backs”. This only causes the problem to escalate. If a fight breaks out, you should return to the bench and remain seated. Let the coaches handle the problem. **DO NOT LEAVE THE BENCH AREA IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE GAME AND A FIGHT BREAKS OUT.** Players who leave the bench area during a fight will be suspended from the team for the remainder of the season.
- If you are in the game at the time that a fight breaks out, do not run to the fight even to break it up. This will only cause more people to get involved. Please go to the team bench and allow the coaches and officials to handle the problem.
- Cursing on the field is not acceptable. If an official ejects you for cursing, he/she has warned you. Officials are not going to eject you for cursing the first time. This will result in suspensions from the next contest.
- At no time are you to confront an official. If you are a team captain you do have the right to speak to an official on behalf of the team but this needs to be done in the correct manner. Yelling at an official, telling an official that he/she is terrible or threatening an official is not appropriate behavior and will result in your suspension from future contests.

All players and parents should understand that the LHSAA may take action against players, parents, and/or schools if it feels that such action is warranted. The LHSAA may: 1) Suspend players from competition for a specified time period or from athletics for the school year (2) Prohibit the school from participating in athletic events with specified parents in attendance (3) Issue fines to the school (4) Require the school to pay the expenses of a sportsmanship hearing (5) Remove a school from the playoffs. Any or all of these may happen because of sportsmanship violations by players, coaches, or spectators. **PLEASE REMEMBER SPORTSMANSHIP FIRST.**

PARENT’S SIGNATURE

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE

DATE