



Lovelady Independent School District

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Parents and spectators,

It is the expectation of Lovelady ISD that spectators provide positive verbal support for their team, and to enjoy the skill and competition not to ridicule either team, it's fans, the game officials, or coaches. Our goal is to provide a safe and positive environment for competition so that our kids can play.

The Texas Associations of Sports Officials' is requiring schools to "clean up their act or they will stop sending members to games." The TASO organization now has a three-strike policy. After three incidents in which any spectator has to be removed at the request of an official, the organization can refuse to officiate our games. Without officials, we will not play the game. Several schools have already received strikes from officials in our area. If our district is put in a position to have two strikes we will have no choice but to strongly consider hosting games without spectators before we get to strike three and have the Texas Association of School Officials refuse to officiate our games. The strikes are not per person, it's per district.

As a spectator at our games it is our responsibility to inform you of these new rules. The University of Interscholastic League (UIL) released required training for school administrators. UIL expects administrators on duty to be proactive with fans and students regarding behavior before it gets to a point where someone has to be removed. Please be respectful of the responsibilities placed on administrators if you are approached and asked to make an adjustment. It's their job to do so.

Supporting the kids participating and cheering for our team are all good things to encourage good sportsmanship and competition. We know how important team spirit and tradition are here at Lovelady ISD. So, enjoy the games and be loud to support them in the right ways!

Thank you & Go Lions!

Wendy Tullós
Superintendent
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