

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NO: 6230

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CATEGORY: **Students, Rights and Responsibilities**

EFFECTIVE: **1-29-62**

SUBJECT: **Conduct of Student and Adult Spectators**

REVISED: **12-27-02**

A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. To outline administrative procedures governing conduct of students and adult spectators at high school athletic contests.
2. **Related Procedure:**
Performing groups, 7-12 4375

B. LEGAL AND POLICY BASIS

1. **Reference:** Board policy: F-2350, H-5000, H-6000, I-4400.

C. GENERAL

1. **Originating Office.** Suggestions or questions concerning this procedure should be directed to the Institute for Learning.
2. **Sportsmanship Code:** (Recommended by students and adopted by City League)
 - a. **Students should set a good example** and should quickly condemn poor conduct on the part of other students or adults. To this end they should:
 - (1) Represent the school and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
 - (2) Recognize that a school's reputation is more valuable than any game won.
 - (3) Respect the property of the school and the authority of all school officials.
 - (4) Learn the rules of various athletic games.
 - (5) Respect and cooperate positively with cheerleaders.
 - (6) Accept decisions of officials without question.
 - (7) Recognize and applaud an exhibition of fine play or good behavior by any team or player.
 - (8) Be considerate of injured players of both teams.

- b. **A good sport is courteous, fair, and respectful** and:
- (1) Never belittles opponents or cheers their misfortune.
 - (2) Respects colors of the opposing school.
 - (3) Never boos or cheers a penalty.
 - (4) Remains quiet when free throws in basketball are attempted.
 - (5) Never “counts the score” aloud.
 - (6) Gets acquainted with as many members of the opposing school as possible.
3. **Rallies.** There shall be no night or off-campus rallies, demonstrations, bonfires, or similar activities associated with the interscholastic athletics program, or after any athletic contest.
4. **Mechanical noisemakers** are not to be permitted. Noises or noisemakers that might be confused with signals of officials shall not be permitted. Megaphones are to be used by uniformed cheerleaders for positive home crowd control.
5. **Bands and Marching Units**
- a. **Football games.** Band of host school is responsible for music; pep band from opposing school may attend free if prior arrangements have been made with host school. In such cases, visiting band will perform from the stands and will be governed by the following rules:
- (1) A band is the responsibility of instrumental director.
 - (2) Pep bands will not exceed thirty (30) members.
 - (3) Members will not wear regular band uniform; band jackets are permitted.
 - (4) Visiting band will alternate performances with host band.
 - (5) Bands will perform only during time-outs, between quarters, and after scores.

- (6) During half time, pep bands will play only after field show.
- (7) Host band will have right-of-way for the entire performance.
- (8) Guest band will play Alma Mater before host band by prior agreement.
- (9) Amplifiers may be used at the discretion of instrumental director and site principal. Excessive volume will not be permitted.

b. Basketball Games

- (1) Only host school will provide a band, which will be under the supervision of school's instrumental director.
- (2) Bands shall not exceed fifteen (15) members.
- (3) Bands will play only before games, between quarters, and during half time. Activities of cheerleader and band should be coordinated.
- (4) Time-out periods should be reserved for cheering sections.
- (5) Guest cheering section will sing Alma Mater first.
- (6) Amplifiers shall not be used by pep bands.

6. Cheering Sections

- a. **Yells** should be terminated immediately when team breaks huddle.
- b. **Cheerleaders** should discourage impromptu or unsportsmanlike yells. Only positive booster or spirit signs and posters with no direct or indirect negative reference to opponents will be permitted.
- c. **Cheering sections** should alternate in performing yells.
- d. **At basketball games**, song and cheer leaders should not interfere with warm-up drills of teams on the playing floor.
- e. **After completion of game**, song and cheer leaders should stay for completion of both schools' Alma Maters by prior agreement.

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7. **Song and cheer leaders** shall observe approved standards of decorum at all times. (Procedure 4375) Offensive cheers, chants, and provocative and/or inciting acts or negative noises are not to be permitted.

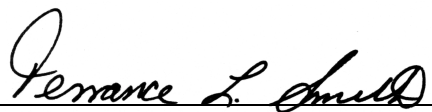
D. IMPLEMENTATION (Section C.)

E. FORMS AND AUXILIARY REFERENCES

1. Interscholastic Athletic Program Handbook, City Conference

F. REPORTS AND RECORDS

G. APPROVED BY



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