

SDHSAA TOURNAMENT TEAM AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT RULES

The following rules apply to all district, region and state events.

All member schools, conferences, etc. are encouraged to adopt these rules for all regular season contests.

A. **Conduct of spectators, coaches and players.**

1. There must be sufficient planning, by the tournament manager and by all participating schools which have qualified for the tournament, relative to appropriate crowd control during the duration of the event.
2. All participating schools will be expected to emphasize the necessity for proper crowd behavior. Administrators from member schools are expected to position themselves near their student cheering section whenever their team is playing.
3. Coaches will be expected at all times to display the type of conduct which contributes good sportsmanship and which does not incite the spectators in attendance.
4. Coaches will be expected to impress upon their athletes the importance of displaying good sportsmanship at all times, including players on the court, substitutes sitting on the bench, or following the conclusion of a game.
5. Administrators will be expected to impress upon their coaches the importance of displaying good sportsmanship at all times.
6. All fans will be expected to remain off the playing area until after the awarding of medals and trophies. Failure to remain off the playing floor will result in the offending team not being recognized by the public address announcer. Medals and trophy will be awarded to school personnel following the awards ceremony. Fans will be allowed on the playing area following the presentation of all awards.
7. All fans must wear shirts.

B. **Equipment and facilities.**

1. Removal of the nets following the championship game will be under the direction and supervision of the tournament manager.
2. The breaking of a backboard will become the financial liability of the school whose student(s) caused the damage.
3. Vandalism to locker room facilities, motel rooms, etc. shall be the responsibility of the member school whose player/team was responsible for the damage.

C. **No banners - no signs - no noisemakers**

1. Temporary banners and signs of all kinds are prohibited except those displayed by the SDHSAA, the Association's corporate partners, the tournament band, the arena, the tournament manager, and licensed radio and television stations. Cheer cards displayed by cheerleaders are permissible.
2. All types of noisemakers are prohibited. This includes plastic hand shakers, thunder sticks, as well as all sorts of projectiles.
3. Paper confetti and silly string are prohibited, because they are difficult to clean up, as well as being a fire hazard.
4. Balloons are prohibited.
5. Megaphones are prohibited except when used by a cheerleader.
6. Musical instruments are prohibited except when the band is performing.
7. Stereo tape decks and related radio equipment are prohibited during official tournament play. (Host management may provide tapes, CD's, etc. that may be played during warm-ups, quarter and half-time breaks, or breaks in the action such as dead balls, etc.)

D. **Hoops, mini-tramps and tunnels.**

1. The use of "break-through" hoops, mini-tramps, rebounding devices & related pieces of equipment is prohibited.
2. Human tunnels created by student and/or adult fans are prohibited.

E. **Pennants, Number 1 Fingers, Foam Noodles, Homer Hankies, Rooter Poms, etc. will be permitted.**

F. **Laser Pointers are prohibited.** If used, the laser pointers will be permanently confiscated.

G. **Re-Entry.** As per local venue policy, individuals wishing to leave the venue during a session will receive a hand stamp/accommodation pass for re-admittance to the venue for that session only.

H. **Smoking is not allowed inside the venue.** As per local venue policy, adult smokers will be given a hand stamp/accommodation pass for re-admittance to the venue for that session only.

I. **The management will designate each participating team's section of the bleachers.**

J. **Students are asked not to stand on the seats.** Students may stand in the foot wells in the student section.

- K. **Jumping up and down in unison is prohibited.**
- L. **Adult cheerleaders are not permitted in the student cheering sections.** However, adults will be permitted to sit in the student section if space allows.
- M. **Cheerleaders, spirit or yell leaders** will be allowed, provided they are so designated by their school and appear in a school approved uniform.
- N. **All fans must wear shirts.** Body paint is not allowed for either students or adults. Face paint is allowed.
- O. Face masks are prohibited.
- P. **Gambling and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.**

SDHSAA ARENA RULES

The following rules and regulation are applicable to all venues hosting SDHSAA State Events:

1. All fans must wear shirts.
2. Face masks are prohibited.
3. Fans are not prohibited from wearing face paint.
4. Human tunnels and/or break through hoops are prohibited.
5. Signs, banners, and noisemakers are prohibited.
6. Smoking inside the venue is not allowed. Adults wishing to smoke will be issued an accommodation pass or stamp to exit through a specific door and re-enter through said door.
7. There will be no other passes issued, except in dire emergencies, for fans to leave the venue and re-enter.
8. Spectators must remain off the playing floor at all times.
9. No one is allowed to sit, stand or hang on the basket or the basket supports.
10. Students with bleacher tickets must use the facilities on the main floor. Except for important reasons, no one will be allowed to cross the railing between the bleachers and the balcony.
11. The throwing of objects of any kind onto the playing floor is prohibited.
12. Gambling or use of intoxicating beverages is not permitted in the arena. Anyone found indulging in either would be required to leave the building.
13. Laser pointers are prohibited and will be confiscated by meet management.
14. In the sport of basketball, during all championship round games, adults are not permitted to sit on the main floor in the student sections. However, an exception is made in certain venues, where both students and adults are allowed on the main floor as determined by host management.
15. Jumping up and down on the bleachers, in unison, is prohibited.
16. All fans will be expected to remain off the playing floor until after the awarding of medals and trophies. Failure to remain off the playing floor will result in the offending team not being recognized by the public address announcer. Medals and trophy will be awarded to school personnel following the awards ceremony. Fans will be allowed on to the playing floor following the presentation of all awards.

NOTE: This policy is applicable to football, volleyball, and basketball.

DAMAGE TO BLEACHERS AT A STATE EVENT

Damage to bleachers can be caused when the entire student body jumps up and down in unison on the bleachers. The SDHSAA cannot condone or overlook behavior that causes physical damage to a rented venue.

Therefore, the SDHSAA suggests the following:

- Member schools should prohibit this type of behavior from occurring at all regular season contests.
- District and region committees should prohibit this type of behavior from occurring at all district and region tournaments.
- All member schools that qualify a team to a state tournament should make an announcement at a pep assembly informing the student body that this type of behavior is prohibited by the SDHSAA.
- All member schools should solicit the support and leadership of the cheerleaders to stop this behavior.
- Administrators from each of the participating schools should position themselves in close proximity to the student cheering section so they can immediately assist management to stop the jumping if and when it occurs.