

## **NDP Athletic Event Spectator Behavior Guidelines**

Keeping in mind that mission of Notre Dame Preparatory High School, all members of our school community are responsible for creating a positive and supportive environment for all who attend our athletic contests and practices. Players, coaches, referees, officials, school employees, parents and guest will be welcomed, respected and treated in a manner befitting our Catholic College Preparatory Mission and Tradition.

General guidelines for behavior at all NDP contests and practices include:

- Cheering for NDP, not against the opponent
  - Attempting to (rudely) distract is not permitted
  - Yelling at or calling an opponent by number or name is not permitted
- Supporting game officials
  - Chanting in response to a call is not permitted
  - Yelling at or referring to an official is not permitted
- Avoiding confrontations with opponent spectators
  - Hostile verbal exchange is not permitted
  - Hostile non-verbal communication is not permitted
  - Inappropriate or abusive language which **includes “sound-a-like” chants** is not permitted
  - Throwing objects in the stands is not permitted
  - Holding large object that can block the view of others is not permitted
- Not attempting to disrupt play
  - Entering the playing area during and after\* the contest is not permitted
  - Throwing objects onto the playing area is not permitted
  - Any behavior that is disruptive or rude and takes the focus away from the game is not permitted

**\*For the safety of the players, coaches, officials, and spectators,  
rushing the court after a game is not allowed.**

Using negative language, instigating negative cheers or consciously creating a hostile environment through booing or cheering is not permitted.

### **Pre-Game and Post-Game Celebrations:**

Possession and/or consumption of alcohol on school campus (home or away) before, during or after a competition is strictly prohibited.