



CIAC TOURNAMENT SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS (INCLUDING PARENTS)

Positive Cheering and Behavior

- ❖ Spectators will cheer positively to support their team, not negatively against the opponent. "No Negatives, No Names, No Numbers".
- ❖ Spectators will show respect for the game officials and their decisions.
- ❖ Spectators will respect CIAC tournament/site directors, tournament staff, and security when behavior is addressed and if asked to leave the event.

Dress Code

- ❖ For CIAC tournament contests, all spectators should be appropriately attired according to their school's policy. No attire with visible degrading or demeaning writings/logos is permitted.

Signs, Banners, Flags, and Powder

- ❖ Any signs must be positive in nature, reference only the school supported by the sign maker, be small enough not to obstruct the view of other spectators, and be pre-approved by the school's athletic director referenced in the sign. Spectators are not permitted to bring flags for safety reasons. When asked to remove a sign, banner, or flag, participating schools will respect and follow the direction of any CIAC tournament/site director, tournament staff, or security personnel.
- ❖ All signs, banners, and flags may be restricted pending facility usage requirements or at the discretion of the CIAC tournament director. CIAC tournament directors/staff will notify the athletic director when such restrictions are necessary.
- ❖ Powder or powder-like substances are prohibited at all visiting and neutral sites.

Noisemakers

- ❖ Outdoor Sports: No air horns, horns of any kind, or whistles will be used. Any other noisemakers may be allowed with approval from the host athletic/site director and the spectator's school athletic director. Noisemakers can only be used during "dead ball" situations to celebrate good play.
- ❖ Indoor Sports: No noise makers will be allowed. Pep bands are allowable with the prior approval of the CIAC tournament and site director, provided the school band has adult supervision, and the band only plays during "dead ball" situations.

Tailgating

- ❖ Tailgating is prohibited on the grounds of any CIAC tournament or championship event.

Streaming

- ❖ CIAC championships are streamed on the NFHS Network. Any streaming, broadcasting, or reproduction of a CIAC tournament game or championship without the expressed written consent of the CIAC is strictly prohibited.