UPPER PERKIOMEN
SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Upper Perkiomen District Families

FROM: Upper Perkiomen District Administration

DATE: August 2026

RE: Spectator Behavior at Athletic Events

At Upper Perkiomen High School athletic contests, we take pride in creating a positive environment for all spectators and athletes. It is of utmost importance that ALL members in attendance promote good behavior and sportsmanship. Our goal is to provide an atmosphere conducive to developing citizenship, inclusiveness, positive recognition, and equitable opportunities for learning while maximizing the achievement of educational and extra-curricular goals.

Upper Perkiomen joins the PIAA, District 1 and the Pioneer Athletic Conference in promoting good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. We request your cooperation by positively supporting the participants and officials. Profanity, racial or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches, or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for immediate removal from the competition site.

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Any student in grades K-8 **MUST** be accompanied by a paying parent/guardian. An older school-aged sibling does not count as a parent/guardian. The parent/guardian must remain onsite during the entirety of the contest.
- Students need to be seated in the designated student area. Student seating is always on our bench side- either behind or directly across from the team. No movement of seating for the purpose of taunting the opponent is permitted.
- No backpacks, cinch sacks or large bags are permitted. Bags can be subject to inspection by security personnel. If these items are brought to the game, they must be left at the ticket gate. These items are not the responsibility of the Athletic Department.
- Per PIAA rules, no noisemakers, whistles, or sound producing devices (horns, cow bells, etc.), signs/banners, towels, or flags are allowed.
- **DO NOT** ridicule or berate players, coaches, officials, or other spectators. **DO NOT** engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with officials, coaches, players, or parents. This includes inappropriate comments including taunting, profanity, or gestures.
- **DO NOT** participate in any behavior endangering the health or well-being of a participant.

- **DO NOT** humiliate, denigrate, or intimidate, in any way, any participant or attendee. This includes chants about underclassmen or calling an athlete out by name and/or number.
- **DO NOT** ridicule any participant for making a mistake.
- **DO NOT** attempt to coach from the stands/sidelines or grandstand.
- **DO NOT** confront coaches, officials, opposing fans, or participants antagonistically before, during, or after the contest.
- **DO NOT** throw ANY object onto the court/field of play.
- **DO NOT** rush the field/court in protest or celebration after a contest.

We encourage our fans to:

- Understand that attendance is a privilege that provides an opportunity to observe an athletic contest, not to berate players, coaches, or officials.
- Positively cheer for your team.
- Encourage sportsmanship by supporting and respecting all players, coaches, and officials.
- Demand that others treat players, coaches, officials, and other spectators with respect regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, age, sexual orientation, or ability.
- Support decisions of coaches and officials.
- Appreciate the efforts of players, coaches, and officials.
- Be generous when we win and gracious when we lose.

Tobacco, electronic smoking products, alcohol, illegal and other controlled substances are prohibited, and law enforcement will be contacted if illegal activity is suspected.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for following the guidelines outlined above. We look forward to seeing everyone at our home sporting events this fall!