



# PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The spring season for Plainview-Old Bethpage Athletic Department has been a resounding success on the field. We had six teams who qualified for the Nassau County Tournament, and three of those teams won conference championships. We are proud of the accomplishments of our student athletes.

I am writing to you to share disturbing reports of unsportsmanlike and disruptive behavior of some of our spectators. Several school districts have called after varsity, JV, and middle school games sharing their concern about the behavior of a few of our adults. Without having specific spectators to address, I am left with sending a message to all families.

While I understand that athletics elicit emotional responses at times, we must behave in a manner that represents our community and school values, and models the behavior we expect from our student-athletes.

Kindly review the POB Athletic Code of Conduct and the Section VIII Athletic Sportsmanship Policy found on the next page. Please know that if you observe disrespectful behavior, you can alert a chaperone or one of the coaches who will address the person(s).

As we enter the playoffs, please come out and cheer on our Hawks as they push for county championships. Our student-athletes deserve our full support as they extend their regular seasons, creating memories that they will cherish for years to come. Let us all be a positive part of those memories.

Thank you and GO HAWKS!!!!

*Joseph Braico*  
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## **Plainview-Old Bethpage Spectators Behaviors and Expectations**

**SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT** (Violators of this Code are subject to eviction from the site.)

1. Spectators are an important part of the game and shall at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
2. Spectators shall at all times respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
3. Wholesome cheering is encouraged.
4. Taunting, foul and abusive language, noisemakers, inflammatory remarks, and disrespectful signs and behavior are not acceptable.

### **Parent Behavior/Expectations**

Parents are expected to:

1. Be a positive role model.
2. Be a “team” fan not a “my kid” fan.
3. Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
4. Be respectful of all officials’ decisions.
5. Avoid instruction of your child/teammates during a game, because it may conflict with the coach’s plans and strategies, as well as put an emotional strain on the athlete.
6. Take time to talk with coaches in an appropriate manner, including proper time and place, if there is a concern.

**SECTION VIII SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY** regarding Spectators behavior -

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*In the event a racial, ethnic, or gender slur is heard by an Administrator, Coach, Official, or Supervisor at any Section VIII competition the event will be stopped. Every effort must be made to identify the person(s) responsible for the slur. The person(s) must be immediately removed from the contest. In the event the person (s) responsible for the slur cannot be identified the responsible staff are expected to remove as many spectators as deemed necessary to ensure that the person(s) has/have been removed from the event. The ejection(s) and name(s) of the ejected must be reported to Section VIII and include carryover suspension from attendance at the next competition.*

Any spectator(s) who acts in a manner causing the contest to be suspended or the spectator removed from the site would be disqualified from the next contest. Such spectator(s) would not be allowed to be on site or involved in any capacity (timekeeper, scorekeeper, etc.) at the next contest. Failure to comply will result in additional sanctions being leveled against this spectator(s) by the school district as well as Section VIII.

Spectators: Any spectator who acts in a disruptive, abusive, or unsportsmanlike manner may cause the game to be suspended or the spectator removed from the site. A letter from the Sportsmanship committee may be sent to the appropriate Athletic Director(s), Building Principal(s) and Superintendent(s). Continued incidents of disruptive behavior may result in additional disciplinary action by the Sportsmanship Committee.