

## **Black Gold School Division**

## **Spectator Code of Conduct for Elementary Sporting Events**

Black Gold School Division supports a philosophy of athletic competition guided by good sportsmanship and fair play. To this end, all parties must recognize that students' participation in school sponsored sports and extracurricular activities are considered an 'extension of the classroom'. Parents/Guardians and other spectators must demonstrate behaviors that support this atmosphere and adhere to the following:

- I will remember that my child plays for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship, demonstrating positive support for **all** players, coaches and officials.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other players for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents.
- I will respect the officials' decisions, will not question the officials' judgment, honesty and integrity and will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will respect the coaches and their decisions; these are volunteers who give their time to provide sports activities for the children.
- I will not use abusive language, including booing or taunting others, nor will I harass or abuse, verbally or physically any athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

Failure to comply with these expectations may result in spectators being asked to leave the premises.