

APPENDIX O

Crowd Relations

SUGGESTED PROCEDURES TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO AND DURING THE TOURNAMENT (GAME)

Consideration should be given to having at least one uniformed policeman at the game. If this is not done, the tournament manager, or a designated adult member of the staff of the host institution, should be present, and periodically moving through the crowd, during the game.

Prior to the time of the tournament, tournament rules should be sent to each participating school. Included with other rules should be the following:

"The content of all signs, banners and placards to be brought to the tournament must be approved in advance by the tournament manager or designee. Such approved signs, banners and placards must be placed on walls or designated areas, but none will be permitted within the free throw lane areas behind the baskets, and none may be displayed or held up in the stands which could obstruct the view of spectators."

Prior to the tournament or game, the tournament manager should hold a meeting with all persons who will be working at the game(s). At this meeting, the responsibilities of each worker should be clearly explained, and the acceptable and unacceptable conduct or behavior of fans, with the procedures to be taken in any circumstances, should also be clearly explained.

At the game, arrangements shall have been made to insure that the rooting sections for opposing teams in any game be either on opposite sides of the court or in different and separated sections of the stands.

At the game, attempts should be made to assure that no fans for an opposing school may be seated in the first three rows immediately behind a team bench.

Entrances should be covered, and ticket or passes should be required for anyone entering throughout the entire game. Even during the final minutes of a game, spectators should not be admitted without tickets since trouble-makers are frequently from such free-entry fans when free entry is permitted.

No campaign material, advertising material or other printed matter may be given out or sold inside the building without specific permission from the tournament manager.

Mechanical noisemakers, stadium or bull horns, drums or musical instruments may be used, but never during the shooting of basketball free throws. Whistles may never be used.

Video cameras may be used by fans or school representatives only during games in which their own teams are playing. (Person with cameras should be notified of this rule).

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Ushers should be observant at all times for unsportsmanlike conduct in the stands which could lead to, or result in, trouble. The following shall not take place:

1. Drinking of alcoholic beverages or misbehavior resulting from intoxication.
2. The use of abusive language toward officials, coaches, players or fans.
3. The throwing of objects onto the playing surface which could result in injury to players or officials.
4. The possession of or throwing of rolls of toilet paper or any objects in the stands.
5. The use of a whistle in the stands.
6. The starting or inciting of fights or hitting or fighting players, coaches, officials or fans.
7. Standing in the isles or along the game sidelines or endlines.

When any such acts are observed, the usher should take the following action:

1. Try to identify one or more witnesses to the act.
2. Immediately inform the tournament manager or official responsible for dealing with such problems.
3. Normally, if there should be cause for ejection of a fan from the stands, the usher should not assume the responsibility for carrying out the dismissal process although the usher may assist the responsible official if requested.

The following three-tiered approach is used by SIMS Security for reported complaints:

1. When a patron or fan registers a complaint to an usher regarding the misbehavior of other fans, the usher should immediately contact the supervisor.
2. The supervisor may talk to the reported offender(s) in an attempt to solve or end the problem.
3. If necessary, the supervisor may ask the offender to leave or obtain the help of others in removing the offender from the building. If a police officer is present, the act of removing the offender will be carried out by the officer.

Tickets takers or gate watchers should not permit spectators to bring any of the following items into the building. If detected, they may either be returned to cars or discarded in trash cans. Offers should not be made to keep the items so that the individuals can pick them up after the game. The following items will not be permitted:

1. Alcoholic beverages.
2. Rolls of toilet paper.
3. Referee - type whistles.

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WELCOME TO OUR MINNESOTA COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE EVENTS

The Minnesota College Athletic Conference believes that interscholastic athletic programs at our colleges have as their primary purpose the development and training of the participants, as well as the spectators and followers, for more successful lives.

Winning may be a goal in any program, but as a training experience for successful lives in our society, we believe that the development of such qualities as good sportsmanship, fair play, honesty, good character, the ability to accept loss as well as victory, along with the development of athletic skills, are all of high value in any excellent, amateur, educational athletic program.

Our coaches, administrators, faculty and staff at each of our colleges recognize the importance of instilling such values in their students and fans at our college events. We solicit your support in our efforts, and we solicit your full cooperation and compliance with rules of good conduct and sportsmanship at our college events.

In an effort to emphasize the value of good sportsmanship and behavior at our activities, it should be known that violations of accepted rules of good conduct, or the committing of any of the following acts shall be considered as adequate grounds for dismissal or removal from the premises of our events:

1. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages at our events.
2. Misbehavior resulting from intoxication.
3. The use of abusive language toward officials, coaches, players or fans.
4. The throwing of objects onto the playing surface or into the stands.
5. Starting or inciting fights or striking players, coaches, officials or fans.
6. Other behavior which prevents other fans from enjoying the event.

The following rules are also in effect:

1. Mechanical noisemakers, stadium or bull horns, drums or musical instruments may be used, but never during the shooting of basketball free throws. Whistles may never be used.
2. Video cameras may be used by fans or school representative only during games in which their own teams are playing.
3. Rolls of toilet paper may not be brought into the contest.
4. Standing in the isles or along the game sidelines or endlines is not permitted.

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For the sake of promoting good sportsmanship and the recognition of outstanding play of the participating athletes of both teams, announcements similar to the following are recommended prior to the start of each game and at the end of each game:

Before the game, prior to the introduction of the teams:

"In the spirit of good sportsmanship and the recognition of these college athletes who have been chosen to represent their schools in tonight's (today's) game, we extend our congratulations and best wishes for their best efforts in the game. Even though we realize that you may be supporting your favorite team in this contest, we encourage you to show your appreciation by applauding exceptional play by members of either team. Will you please recognize the member of the teams as they are introduced."

Immediately following the conclusion of the game:

Ladies and gentlemen. Let's have a round of applause and a show of appreciation for the efforts and the play of the _____ team in tonight's (today's) game.
(loser)

And now let's have a round of applause for the members of the winning _____ team which tonight (today) proved to be the better team."