

The winter sports season has been off to a strong start! Our athletes and coaches appreciate the support of our greater Jackson community at their events. With strong competition and rivalries, fan support is typically spirited – which is a good thing! However, at some recent basketball games – particularly Glacier Peak last Friday, some student fan behavior went too far and was outside the culture and expectations for sportsmanship of the WIAA, WESCO, and the Jackson Way: Pride, Excellence, and Character. These behaviors were unfortunately disrespectful to our opponents and disparaging of the officials and have had negative repercussions on our greater community perception.

The administrative team met with student leaders yesterday morning and reviewed the plan to ensure respectful student behavior at all future games and sporting events.

By entering a sporting event, you are committing to refraining from the following unacceptable behaviors. If you violate this commitment, you will be directed to leave the game, and you will be prohibited from attending for the rest of the season. These include:

- Use of profane, vulgar or abusive language or name calling
- Chants directed at or about an opposing player or coach by number, name, or nickname, or physical characteristic
- Disrespectful or derogatory chants, songs, or gestures directed at or about the opposing team or school
- Making disparaging comments to or about an official or heckling an official's decision

Again, we have an opportunity to build a positive reputation, and we need to trust that you are committed to these reasonable expectations when you enter the game.

We want you to have as much fun as possible as you:

- Maintain spirited enthusiasm & composure, serving as a positive role model
- Follow the chants of the JHS cheerleaders
- Show respect & concern for an injured player, no matter the team
- Show respect for the decisions made by game officials
- Value strong competition and show respect to the fans, coaches and participants

We are committed to creating an atmosphere of sportsmanship for our community. “Be loud, be proud, and be positive!” Thank you. *-Dave Peters, principal*