



Dear Parents and Guardians,

September 14, 2023

Both Bunnell and Stratford High School are thrilled to welcome back spectators to our athletic events. As a Town, we have always taken pride in the way our students and spectators represent our schools. Attendance at athletic events is a *privilege* and we want nothing more than our teams to feel supported and for our spectators to feel safe.

Recently, several of our home athletic events have been disrupted by the unruly behavior of students who are not enrolled in our respective high schools. In response to recent events at both Bunnell and Stratford High School, we will immediately implement the following revisions to our spectator guidelines for all home athletic events:

- Students who are not enrolled in high school must be **accompanied by an adult** in order to gain entry into an athletic event. Adults are responsible for supervising their child for the duration of the event.
- Students must be able to show proof of enrollment from their respective high school in order to be admitted into the event (ex: PowerSchool schedule).
- If a student cannot show proof of high school enrollment, and is unaccompanied by an adult, they will not be permitted into the facility.

Additionally, all spectators who attend athletic events are expected to adhere to the *South-West Conference Spectator Code of Conduct*:

- Spectators attending SWC events are considered guests of the host school, therefore making it a privilege - not a right - to attend all SWC sporting events.
- Inappropriate Behavior (Ex. Profane Language/Gestures, Targeting and Taunting of players, coaches and game personnel, Physical Violence, Spitting) will not be tolerated.
- Consequences for fans who display unacceptable behaviors will be subject to sanctions, including refusal of admittance, removal, and possible arrest.

The support of the Stratford community is extremely valuable as our student athletes represent our Town. We look forward to seeing the bleachers full with energetic fans dressed in school colors cheering for their team. Thank you for your support and partnering with us to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all - come out and support the Bulldogs and Red Devils!

Digital Athletic Tickets for both high schools can be purchased online at: www.gofan.co

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