



Oregon School Activities Association

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OSAA Pre-Game announcements

VERSION 1: STUDENT READ VERSION

And now a message from one of our students on behalf of the OSAA:

Good afternoon/evening (***Customize by Community here***)

As students, we participate in school sports and activities by choice. Because they allow us a chance to show what we can accomplish through our talents and our effort. And because together, they allow us to show our pride in our classmates, our school and our community.

As spectators, you are not required to cheer us on.

All we expect is that you let each of us perform in an environment of SAFETY, TOLERANCE, ACCEPTANCE and RESPECT. We call it being a STAR.

That means not threatening or ridiculing anyone in attendance based on their race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion. If you can't meet these expectations, you could potentially be banned from this and future interscholastic events.

But that's *not* what we want.

We *want* you to cheer. We *want* you to root for those you've come to support—and to respect those you haven't.

Because *everyone* here deserves our chance to shine. Our shot at greatness.

So (***Community customization here***) be loud. Be proud. But be positive.

Because (and let's hear you say it with me...) Greatness...is Hateless.

(Thank you.)



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VERSION 2: TEACHER READ VERSION

And now a message from one of our faculty on behalf of the OSAA:

Each of us is here to either compete in a sporting event, or to support those who are. An event in which the rules apply equally to everyone, designed to ensure fair competition, encourage sportsmanship, and bring out the best in each participant. On the field, the officials enforce those rules, and assess the appropriate penalty when they are broken.

As fans, friends, parents and members of the (*customize by community here*), we now have our own rules. Designed to ensure and encourage an atmosphere of **SAFETY, TOLERANCE, ACCEPTANCE** and **RESPECT** for all of us. **We call it being a STAR**, and it means not threatening or ridiculing anyone in attendance based on their race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion. Violation of these rules will result in the appropriate penalty, including potential ejection from this and all future interscholastic events.

Let's all make an effort to bring out the best in the students we're here to support, and in ourselves.

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VERSION 3: ATTENDEE READ VERSION

And now a message from a member of our (**Customize by community**) on behalf of the OSAA:

Good afternoon/evening (**Customize by Community here**)

As a (parent/former student/ resident of...) I've attended school events both here and at other Oregon schools for a while now (or customized e.g. "for over 20 years"). In that time, I've witnessed some incredible performances by our students from across the state. I've seen talent, effort, and teamwork. I've witnessed greatness.

But I've also witnessed behavior by those in attendance that has left me saddened, angry and ashamed. I've seen students and spectators threatened or ridiculed based on their race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion.

This is *not* why we are here.

We are here to share our support — for our students, our community, and for each other. And to create **an environment of SAFETY, TOLERANCE, ACCEPTANCE and RESPECT. We call it being a STAR.**

If you can't do that, maybe you should question why you're here.

But *without* question, you could potentially be banned from this and future interscholastic events.

So by all means, show your enthusiasm. Show your spirit. But show respect as well.

Show our students a supportive atmosphere in which they can be their best...

and they might just show you greatness.

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VERSION 4: REALITY VERSION

Every student performing here (today/tonight) has had dreams of being a star in their own right. What they never dreamed of, is being ridiculed or threatened for how they look, where they came from, how they worship, or who they love. *And yet this happens repeatedly at sporting events across our state. We are better than this. As athletes. As fans. As Oregonians. As (**Customize by community**).*

In sport, every participant must play by the same rules. Now, so does everyone in attendance at OSAA interscholastic events. **Each of us is expected to encourage and contribute to an environment of SAFETY, TOLERANCE, ACCEPTANCE and RESPECT throughout the event.**

The OSAA calls it being a STAR. And if you can do it, consider yourself a STAR. If you can't, you'll find yourself on the outside looking in at this and potentially any future interscholastic events in Oregon.

We all have a role to play in making events like this a success.

So whether you're on the field or in the stands—play well, play hard, and play fair.

Because Greatness...is Hateless.

(Thank you.)