

No. 904-AR
PALMERTON AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATIONS

904-AR. RULES AT SCHOOL - SPONSORED EVENTS

As a member of the Colonial League Conference, the Palmerton Area School District is firmly committed to the belief that student competition is a vital part of our educational program.

The Colonial League Conference expects its member schools to exhibit only the highest standards of sportsmanship. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (P.I.A.A.) imposes upon the school the responsibility for the control of spectators and the protection of all in attendance at events, regardless of whether those events are held at "home" or "away". The P.I.A.A. can impose various penalties on schools that fail to control spectators and/or protect those in attendance at events. To this end, the school district has set forth specific rules for conduct at all school-sponsored events, held "home" or "away", which are as follows:

1. The possession, distribution and/or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on school property is strictly prohibited. All violators will be prosecuted and banned from school premises.
2. Anyone believed to be intoxicated and/or under the influence of a controlled substance and/or exhibiting behavior unbecoming a spectator will be ejected from the premises and, if uncooperative and/or abusive, can be subject to prosecution.
3. The possession, distribution and/or use of tobacco on school property is strictly prohibited.
4. Acts of physical aggression of any type will not be tolerated and can lead to ejection and possible prosecution.
5. Players, participants, coaches, directors, advisors and spectators must refrain from the use of foul, abusive and/or abrasive language. Profanity of any type can be cause for immediate removal from school property. This includes group cheers that are, in the estimation of school officials, offensive, obnoxious and/or demeaning toward students and/or other persons.
6. Insults directed at players, participants, coaches, directors, advisors or officials can lead to ejection from the school premises.
7. The unauthorized throwing of objects is strictly prohibited and can lead to ejection.
8. Home and visiting spectators are to remain in designated areas.
9. All spectators must remain off the playing/performance area at all times.

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10. Anyone who is ejected from the event arena due to lack of compliance with any of these rules will not be granted a refund.
11. Anyone refusing a directive by school officials to comply with the above rules will be ejected and the school district reserves the right to summon law enforcement.
12. Severe and/or repeated infractions of the above rules can lead to the perpetrator being banned from school property, including all future school-sponsored events and/or activities.
13. At any time that it becomes necessary due to lack of compliance with these rules by a large number of spectators, the event arena will be cleared of spectators (without refund of admission price), and the contest/performance will be concluded in closed session.

The determination of the severity of any infraction with regard to the above rules and/or the consequence(s) imposed shall be at the discretion of the authorized school official(s).

NOTE: All students in attendance remain subject to any and all school rules and policies.

For more information, please see Board Policy Nos. 122, 123 and 904, as well as the *P.I.A.A. Handbook Section VII PLAA Sportsmanship*.