

Whitney Parents, Teachers, Coaches and Staff Members,

My name is Nick French and I am the Director of Athletics at Whitney High School. I wanted to share with all of you the 2022-2023 Sierra Foothill League (SFL) Sportsmanship Code of Conduct that Whitney, Rocklin, Del Oro, Granite Bay, Folsom and Oak Ridge High Schools have adopted going forward. The new Sportsmanship Code of Conduct was created by Administrators and Athletic Directors within the Sierra Foothill League to help remind coaches, parents, spectators and fans what appropriate behavior looks like at our sporting events. The Sierra Foothill League believes the purpose of high school athletics is to provide the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well being of the individual athletes.

## The following behaviors will not be tolerated at any high school athletic events.

- No berating your opponent's school or mascot
- No berating / singling out opposing players
- No obscene cheers or gestures
- No negative signs
- No complaining about officials's calls

Please understand that these behaviors will also not be tolerated when dealing with school staff members that are also working the athletic events. All of the workers at our high school athletic events are staff members, teachers and community members that volunteer their time to help our athletic programs. These amazing people are there to help support our athletes and our athletic programs, they should never be treated in a malicious or disrespectful way by any parent, spectator or fan coming to an athletic event.

Also note and take into account that every high school athletic program in the Sierra Foothill League now uses GoFan for digital ticketing. All athletic events that require payment to attend will use GoFan. When attending any athletic event in the SFL please be prepared and ready to buy and redeem your tickets using the GoFan ticket application. Please make sure you have downloaded the GoFan App to your mobile device before showing up for an event. This will make purchasing and redeeming tickets much more convenient and get you into your contest much quicker.

## The Sierra Foothill League Administrators and Athletic Directors will also follow very closely California Interscholastic Federation Bylaw 503 which states:

- If a spectator is ejected from a contest, they cannot attend that team's next contest.
- If the same spectator is ejected a second time, they cannot attend any of the remaining contests for that season.

It is our hope that all of us remember that an athletic contest is only a game. it is NOT a matter of life and death for players, coaches, schools, officials, or fan communities.

The Administrators, Athletic Directors, Staff Members, Coaches and 5000+ athletes of the Sierra Foothill League thank you for taking the time to read this message. It is our hope that we can ALL enjoy coming to an SFL athletic event and enjoy watching our amazing athletes compete in a respectful and responsible manner.

Thank you. Nick French Director of Athletics Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach