



KHS Sportsmanship Guidelines For Fan/Spectator Support Items

In the chart below, ONLY those items marked “Yes” will be allowed as fan/spectator support items at KHS events.
The items indicated on this page are for use by member schools as policy guidelines for their fans.

ITEM	ALLOWED	COMMENTS/RATIONALE
Fans storming the court/field of play	No	Such actions create an unsafe environment. Spectators are expected to remain in their seats to observe the post-game handshake ceremony/trophy presentation.
Leaving team’s side of court/field of play	No	Spectators are expected to stay within the confines of their school’s student body section.
Banners on wall*	No	Exceptions: Welcome signs, corporate sponsors, spirit signs, senior night posters, and school signs that are permanently fixed on the walls.
Objects thrown into crowd (confetti, miniature sports balls, candy, etc.)	Yes	By cheerleaders only at football games.
Objects thrown onto playing area	No	Removal from game and loss of privilege to attend future games.
Noise Makers (horns, bells, buzzers, whistles, thunder sticks, rattles, shakers, music instruments not part of a band, air horns, sirens, megaphones, etc.)	No	As per individual venue guidelines. As per NHIAA sport-specific policies and procedures manuals.
Hand-held signs (individually or group*)	No	See explanation for “Noise Makers.”
Balloons*	No	Homecoming and Senior Day only.
Face Paint/Hair Coloring	Yes	Fans may paint their faces and/or color their hair in manners that appropriately demonstrate school spirit. However, out of respect to facilities that host NHIAA tournament contests, student support groups should do their painting prior to entering the facility.
Taking off shirt	No	Shirts and shoes are required attire at every event and facility.
Paper banners	Yes	Paper banners for team to run through are permitted.
Actions that distract participants, obstruct vision, and/or affect play	No	Spectators who participate in activities that intentionally attempt to distract participants, obstruct the vision of the spectators, or affect the competition are subject to removal from the premises by the tournament site director or local authorities.
Laser Light/Pointer	No	See rationale for “Actions that Distract Participants” above.
Recorded music over PA system*	Yes	Recorded music is permitted only with the approval of the Facility/Tournament Director.
School/Pep bands	Yes	Permission must be granted in advance by the Tournament Director and/or Site Director. Pep bands are not permitted to perform while the game is in play. A full compliment of high school bands is permitted at all football games.
Canons	Yes	At a Keene facility only.
Muskets/guns	No	
Carried school flags	No	
Dressed school mascots/costumes	Yes	School mascots must stay within the confines of the school’s student body section.
Live animal mascots	No	

*Allowed at the discretion of the host site administration.
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