

**FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
POLICIES FOR WHEELER FIELDHOUSE—VOLLEYBALL**

*Updated: 2019*

**Team Policies**

- A. On Friday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
All **HOME team buses** should be parked on the West side of the Fieldhouse.  
All **VISITOR team buses** should be parked on the East side of the Fieldhouse.
- On Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>:**  
All **HOME team buses** should be parked on the West side of the Fieldhouse.  
All **VISITOR team buses** should be parked on the East side of the Fieldhouse.
- B. Players should enter WFH through the Home or Visitor entrance.**
- C. Doors will be open for teams an hour and a half prior to game time.**
- D. Team seating is on the West Side of the court.**
  - a. Home bench is on the south side of the court.
  - b. Visiting bench is on the north side of the court.
- E. Locker rooms will be clearly marked. Visitors will be on the east side, Home will be on the west side. Coaches are responsible to monitor dressing rooms and erase the whiteboard. Players and coaches are reminded not to leave any valuables in dressing rooms once teams leave area. FBISD will not be responsible for items left in dressing rooms.**
- F. Teams should enter the court from the locker room side of WFH.**
- G. To protect the floor please clean shoes before entering the court.**
- H. Water only is allowed on the floor. Water will be provided on the sideline.**
- I. Team warm-up area**

**Player & Team Personnel Policies**

- A. Only players in uniform, designated managers, and coaches** will be allowed on the playing court. Any managers or coaches who are to be on the court surface should wear proper court footwear.
- B. Warmup** is only for players in proper attire during pre-game warm-ups. Proper attire includes game shoes, and uniforms.
- C. Only coaches, & trainers/managers** will be allowed in the **team seating area**. Any other individuals that wish to be in the team area must request a sideline pass from the athletic office in advance, or the administrator on duty on the day of the game.
- D. Only Filming by the schools** will be allowed, on the two end lines of the floor out of play.
- E. Only two camera operators per school.**

### **Spectator Policies**

- A. **Spectators are not allowed on the court at any time.**
- B. **Seating.** The home team crowd will sit behind the team benches. (The first two rows behind the team benches will be blocked off). The visitor team crowd will sit across the gym floor opposite the team benches. Ticket sellers will be on both the home and visitor side so spectators can enter on the side they want to sit.
- C. No parking lot tailgating allowed.
- D. **Radio and Media tables** will be set up in designated areas.
- E. **Press Photographers** will be allowed on the court on the west side only during the contest. Admission to the court will be by proper identification and an FBISD sideline pass. Requests for passes should be made to the Athletic Office, or through the administrator on duty at the contest. Each school shall be limited to one photographer on the court at any time.
- F. Photographers must clearly stay back out of the way of officials, coaches, and players.
- G. **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY** is allowed in Wheeler Fieldhouse.
- H. **Noise making devices** are prohibited.
- I. **The use of confetti** is prohibited in the Fieldhouse.
- J. **Live animal mascots** are not allowed in the Fieldhouse. Dummy mascots may not be paraded or displayed in front of opponents' stands.
- K. **Signs & banners** are not allowed to be posted anywhere in the Fieldhouse. Hand held signs will be permitted if they are no larger than 24" x 24"
- L. **Balloons** may not be brought into the Fieldhouse.
- M. **Food or drink** may not be brought into the Fieldhouse.

### **Cheerleader & Spirit Group Policies**

- A. Cheerleaders, in uniform, will be allowed admission through the ticket door on the home or visitor side.
- B. Cheerleaders will be allowed on the court **between games**. During play, they will be allowed in designated areas on the court out of play behind their teams.
- C. **Court shoes only will be allowed on the floor. To protect the floor please clean shoes before entering the court.**
- D. **Megaphones** are not allowed in the Fieldhouse.
- E. Cheerleader sponsors must identify themselves for admission through the ticket door on the home or visitor side.
- F. Spirit Items, such as miniature balls, are not allowed in the fieldhouse.
- G. **No items** of any kind are allowed to be **thrown** from the court into the stands.

### **Drill Team Policies**

- A. Drill team members, in uniform, will be allowed admission through the ticket door on the home or visitor side and must be accompanied by their sponsor.
- B. Drill team sponsors must identify themselves for admission through the ticket door on the home or visitor side.

- C. Home drill team members will sit in the southwest corner at the top of the home side seating area. Visitor drill team members will sit in the northeast corner at the top of the visitor side seating area. (See map)

### **Band Policies**

- A. Band members with instruments, will be allowed admission through the ticket door on home or visitor side.
- B. Band sponsors must identify themselves for admission through the ticket door on the home or visitor side.
- C. Each school shall be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) band members. The musical group should be part of a school-sponsored organization, and must be accompanied by their director.
- D. **Home** bands will sit in the southwest corner at the top of the home side seating area. **Visiting** bands will sit in the northeast corner at the top of the visitor side seating area. (See map)
- E. Bands cannot play during match play.

### **AED-Training Room:**

- A. AED is located by the training room.
- B. Training room available for emergencies in the hallway between the home and visitor locker rooms.

### **Sportsmanship and Sportsmanship Announcement:**

- A. UIL sportsmanship announcement, National Anthem and starting lineups will be announced before start of the contest. For multiple game nights, the national anthem will be played prior to the first varsity contest only.
- “Before we begin, we would like to remind you that this evening’s contest is being conducted according to the rules and regulations of the University Interscholastic League. The idea of friendly competition is the theme of interscholastic athletics. Regardless of the outcome of tonight’s game, all of the players have proven their willingness to work and sacrifice in order to achieve athletic excellence.  
As a spectator, you are asked to consider the time and effort put forth by all participants in tonight’s activities. By your conduct, allow these young people to feel pride in their community and schools.  
Officials for this game are sanctioned officials. Without them, this game would not be possible. We ask that you demonstrate the kind of respect for these officials that you would extend to any dedicated person in a position of responsibility. Please be reminded that there should be no flash photography or noisemakers in the fieldhouse. Individuals who choose not to follow these guidelines will be asked to leave the facility.”
- B. Overall ACCEPTABLE behavior, as described in the UIL Sportsmanship Manual
- “Applaud all participants during team introductions, regardless of team affiliation.
  - Show respect to officials and accept their judgments as part of the contest.
  - Cheerleaders should lead fans in positive cheers that promote sportsmanship and fair competition.

- Participants should shake hands before and after each contest, regardless of outcome.
  - Treat competition as a game, keeping the value of education paramount.
  - Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
  - Applause at the end of a contest for performances of all participants.
  - Everyone show concern for an injured player, regardless of team affiliation.”
- C. Overall UNACCEPTABLE behavior, as described in the UIL Sportsmanship Manual.
- “Attempts to distract opponent during contest such as yelling or waving arms during opponent’s free throw attempt, serve, etc.
  - Antagonizing, disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs, or gestures.
  - Booing or heckling an official’s decision.
  - Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official’s call.
  - Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances following a game.
  - Blame loss of game on officials, coaches or participants.
  - Laughing or name-calling to distract an opponent.
  - Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.”
- D. Other Guidelines in the UIL Sportsmanship Manual:
- “Select only positive cheers that will praise your team without degrading the opponent.
  - Choose appropriate times to cheer.
  - Never ridicule or degrade the opposing team or players.
  - Do not intimidate or ridicule a player, coach, or official before, during or after a contest.
  - Remember that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.