



# SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

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## STUDENT CHEERING SECTION GUIDELINES

Here in Scottie Nation, we take great pride in supporting participants in our athletic, fine arts, and academic programs. To help ensure that behavior by the fans positively contributes to an event, the following guidelines for student cheering sections, as well as general fan behavior, is offered. Any conduct deemed to not be in the highest ideals of sportsmanship is at the discretion of school administrators, athletic directors, PIAA officials, police and security, and event staff.

### Acceptable Behavior

- Clothing that falls within the school dress code
- Face paint in school colors
- Applauding and cheering for your team during introductions, the contest, and post-game handshakes.
- Signs that show support for your school team or organization.
- Respect for the decisions of the officials, judges, and event staff.
- Staying in the assigned student cheering section.

### Unacceptable Behavior

- Chants and signs of a religious, political, or racially sensitive nature are strictly prohibited.
- Chants or signs that single out a player, coach, or official by name, number, or otherwise unique description are strictly prohibited.
- Undergarments exposed or worn as outer garments.
- Wearing clothes that would not be appropriate or acceptable for school are strictly prohibited.
- Full face paint or masks/hats that hide student identity
- Face paint in colors other than school colors is prohibited.
- Derogatory cheers, chants, songs, actions, or gestures directed toward opposing teams, their fans, or the officials, including during the game, pre-game, introductions, and post-game are prohibited.
- Chants and signs that taunt, boo, and/or heckle opponents and officials are prohibited.
- Any sticks or “props” accompanying signs are prohibited.
- Sitting in, taunting, or approaching opponents’ designated student section, team or fans with an intent to cause a disturbance is prohibited.
- Fans should NOT go onto the field or court before, during, or after the game.
- Any behavior that draws attention away from the participants and the contest/activity, including (but not limited to) inappropriate gestures, signs, cheers, and noisemakers is prohibited.

We look forward to a great year as we cheer on our Scotties!

**Mr. D. Krofcheck**  
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