

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

**Policies and General Information Regarding Football
Games at Barnett Sports Complex 2003-2004**

1. Spectators are not allowed on the field before or after the game. Only students of school organized and approved activities will be allowed on the field.
2. Only drill team, band students, or cheerleaders, in uniform may form victory lines on the playing field.
3. Adult booster groups may form victory lines from the south end zone line toward the ramp, they may not encroach upon the field.
4. Air horns, bells, and other mechanical noise makers are prohibited in all District 4A-5A athletic football contests.
5. Glass bottles or glass containers are prohibited in the stadium.
6. The use of confetti is prohibited in the stadium.
7. No wrapping of the goal posts is permitted.
8. Live animal mascots are not allowed in the stadium. Dummy mascots, signs, etc., may not be paraded or displayed in the end zones or in front of opponent's stands.
9. No band, drill team, cheerleaders, photographer or mascot guards may encroach upon the restraining lines (dotted line) or the bench area (25 yard line to 25 yard line) during the course of the game.
10. Spirit Signs-signs are only allowed on the fencing at the North and South ends of the stadium. No signs are allowed in the seating area at any time. (exceptions: Signs designating the band or drill team may be placed on the lower railings in front of each organization.) Grassy slopes in the end-zones may be used only for a mascot sign. All signs should be removed at the conclusion of the contest.
11. No ticket refunds will be given. No Re-Entry is allowed.
12. State laws and school policies will be in effect concerning alcoholic beverages, controlled substances and distribution of any type of literature.
13. All people on the sidelines outside of the bench area, who are not in uniform, must have a sideline pass. No one is allowed to stand, photograph, or film from the end zone area of the field without authorization.
14. Only authorized personnel will be allowed on the field or in the team area before the game, at half time, or after the game. No spectators will be allowed into or across the tarmac area until all bands and drill teams have exited the area and the area has been opened to the public.

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15. Run-thru signs may not be placed on the field if it has been raining and acrylic type paint has been used.

16. **BANDS, DRILL TEAMS AND CHEERLEADERS:**

- A. Band , drill teams and cheerleaders may enter from the field level ramp or the double gate adjacent to the ticket booths at the North end of the stadium. The visiting band and drill teams should exit the Stadium through the double gate adjacent to the Northeast ticket booth. Band and drill team sections are marked by the appropriate signage. If the band or drill team wished to sit in areas not designated, the director should check with the stadium administrator beforehand and see which area is available.
- B. Booster Club representatives, with the proper credentials, should enter thru the pass gate. Only those Booster Club representatives participating in that night's game should enter through the pass gate.
- C. Band and drill team sponsors must wear identifying badges, enter with their groups and sit in sections reserved for them. Bus drivers must wear identification badges.
- D. Refreshments for band, drill teams, and cheerleaders are the responsibility of each group. No food or soft drinks will be allowed. H.I.S.D. is under an exclusive Coca Cola contract. Dasani bottled water, Power Aid and unmarked bottled water will only be allowed. The group responsible must dispose of empty cans and bottles.
- E. After the game, to facilitate getting the crowd out of the stadium, the visiting and home bands will be allowed no more than ten (12) minutes exiting the field.

17. **PRESS BOX:** Team rosters (25) should be sent to the Press Box announcer no later than 30 minutes before game time.

18. **BUS PARKING:**

- A. All band and drill team buses will be parked at the West end of the stadium.
- B. Visiting team buses will be parked at the East side of the Stadium. The home team buses will be parked on the West side of the Stadium.

19. **PHOTOGRAPHERS:**

All school photographers must have a district media pass to take pictures on the field. This pass is NOT good for free entrance to the game.

Each team and district video personnel should be limited to two persons in the video area.

20. **PASS GATE:** The pass gate is located between the ticket booths on each side of the stadium. Persons using passes must enter on the side in which they want to view the game. Crossing sides is NOT permitted. Cheerleaders and Booster Club members in uniform will enter through the pass gate. The following passes will be honored at both

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the pass gates:

- a) Official District passes
- b) Texas High School Coaching Association (current membership card plus one)
- c) Texas Girl's Coaching Association (current membership card plus one)
- d) Texas Association of Sports Officials (current membership card plus one)

Those wishing to leave tickets for pick up should leave them at the pass gate.

21. TICKET Gate: Ticket gates will open (1) hour before the game. Spectators must enter on the side in which they want to view the contest. Crossing sides is NOT permitted.
22. **THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IS PROHIBITED ON THE PROPERTY OF ANY ATHLETIC FACILITY OF THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.**