

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE OF ATHLETICS

Butler Sports Complex Policies and General Information Regarding Football Games

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. Air horns, bells, and other mechanical noise makes are prohibited in all District athletic football contests.
4. Glass bottles or glass containers are prohibited in the complex.
5. The use of confetti is prohibited in the complex.
6. No wrapping of the goal posts is permitted.
7. Live animal mascots are not allowed in the complex. Dummy mascots, signs, etc., may not be paraded or displayed in the end zones or in front of opponent's stands.
8. NO band, drill team, cheerleaders, photographers, or mascot guards may encroach upon the restraining lines (dotted) or the bench area (25 yard line to 25 yard line) during the course of the game.
9. Spirit Signs – signs are allowed on the top fence of each sides stands and along walkway rails on each side. All signs should be removed at the conclusion of the contest.
10. No ticket refunds will be given. No Re-Entry is allowed.
11. State laws and school policies will be in effect concerning alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, pagers, cellular phones, and distribution of any type of literature.
12. 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.
13. Only authorized personnel will be allowed on the field or in the team area before the game, at half-time, or after the game.
14. Run-thru signs may not be placed on the field if it has been raining and acrylic type paint has been used.
15. TEAMS: Gates will open two hours before game time. The visiting team will enter on the north end (closest to stadium) of the fieldhouse and use dressing rooms #1 and #2. The home team will enter on the south end (closest to junior field) of the fieldhouse and use dressing rooms #3 and #4.
16. BANDS, DRILL TEAMS, CHEERLEADERS, AND MASCOT GUARDS
 - A. Bands, Drill Teams, Cheerleaders, and Mascot Guards will enter the east side stands (visitors) at the double gate located on the northeast end of the stadium (scoreboard end). The west side stands (press box side) will enter at the double gate located at the southwest end of the

stadium. Gates will be unlocked one hour before game time. Each performing group should enter the stadium with all members entering at the same time.

Performing groups may bring in bottled water in plastic containers. No food or other beverages are allowed.

- B. Bands, drill teams, cheerleaders, and mascot guards may enter onto the field through the gates closest to their seating area.
- C. Each band and/or drill team will be allowed 12 minutes for half time performances.
- D. Each school will be allowed one chaperone per ten members identified by a booster shirt and booster pass.
- E. Flaming batons or similar acts for half time shows will not be permitted.
- F. Refreshments for band, drill teams, cheerleaders and mascot guards is the responsibility of each group. No food or soft drinks will be allowed. HISD is under an exclusive Coca-Cola contract. Dasani bottled water, PowerAde, and unmarked bottled water will only be allowed. The group responsible must dispose of empty containers.
- G. After the game, to facilitate getting the crowd out of the stadium, each school beginning with the visiting team shall play their school song and exit the stadium.

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

17. BUS PARKING: All band and support group buses will park on the back row of the parking lot on their side. Visiting team players buses will park between the field house and the baseball field. Home team players buses will park beside the girls training room.

Officials and coaches parking – all officials and coaches driving personal vehicles will park on the south side of the field house.

18. PHOTOGRAPHERS:

- A. 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.
- B. Each team and district video personnel should be limited to two persons in the crowd's nest video area.

19. 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 the pass gates:

- a) Official District passes (member plus one)
- b) Texas High School Coaching Association
(current membership card) [member plus one]
- c) Texas Girls Coaching Association
(current membership card) [member plus one]
- d) Texas Association of Sports Officials
(current membership card) [member only]

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

20. TICKET GATE: Ticket gates will open one (1) hour before the game. Spectators must enter on the side in which they want to view the contest. Crossing sides is NOT permitted.

21. THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IS PROHIBITED ON THE PROPERTY OF ANY ATHLETIC FACILITY OF THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.