

Department of Athletics

Policies and Procedures: Use of Henderson and Lakewood Stadiums

The following procedures have been put in place to ensure the safety of coaches, fans, and all student-athletes. Please take a moment to read and adhere to the following:

- **Parking-** Fans are encouraged to park and sit on their team's designated side of the stadium. This helps tremendously with crowd control, safety, and crowd management.
- **Cheerleaders-** Please be advised that on game days, cheer squads are only allowed to have **TWO** people on the track in addition to the active/uniformed cheerleaders. No other members of the cheer squad will be allowed on the track if they are not in uniform. Only active squads are allowed on the track. All other spectators, students, managers/trainers, must be seated in the stands. There are to be **NO** alumni cheer group participating at any time. This is against **GHSA Policy**.
- **Sideline Participation-** Please note that only players, trainers, administrators of the schools participating, doctors, press, and coaches are allowed on the sidelines. Any other players that are not dressed must be easily identified in jerseys. All other spectators are to remain in the stands. This is mandated, per **Georgia High School Association**. This becomes a liability issue if not properly handled. All coaches and administrators, we are asking that you do not bring your kids, friends, or relatives to the field of play at any time. Those individuals are to remain in the stands. There are not to be any parents or parent volunteers on the sidelines for any reason, at any time. Any exceptions will have to be approved by Senior APS Leadership.
- **Post-Game-** At the conclusion of the game, teams will **NOT** be allowed to assemble in groups for post-game speeches. We ask that this take place either on the buses, locker rooms, or at their perspective facilities upon arrival back to their schools. No fans will be allowed to enter the playing field at the conclusion of the game. This again, ensures the safety and security of our student-athletes and coaches.
- **Doubleheaders-** When two scheduled games are to be played back-to-back, teams participating in the first game should remove all belongs from the locker room during halftime and place them in the designated area immediately behind the bench. This will allow for the locker room to be sanitized and cleaned in preparation for the teams competing in the second game.
- **Crossing from one side to the next-** Spectators will **NOT** be allowed to cross the field and move from one side of the field to the other under no circumstances. Atlanta Public Schools Police Department will aid and assist in ensuring this will be enforced.
- **No Tailgating-** Please be reminded that tailgating is NOT allowed on Lakewood or Henderson Stadium property. No exceptions.

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