

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Policies and Procedures: 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 2 people on the track in addition to the active 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 or MS cheer groups participating at any time. This is against **GHSA Policy**.
- SIDELINE PARTICIPATION Please note, due to liability policies, only CURRENT coaches, players, trainers/managers, administrators of the schools participating, doctors and press are allowed on the sidelines. Any other players that are not dressed must be easily identified in jerseys/school paraphernalia. All other spectators are to remain in the stands. This is mandated, per Georgia High School Association. Family and friends of coaches and administrators are not allowed on the field of play at any time. 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. WRISTBANDS WILL BE ISSUED TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL.
- **POST-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. Spectators **WILL NOT** 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.
- **HOME/VISITOR SIDE ACCESS** Spectators **WILL NOT** be allowed to cross the field/track and move from home/visitor grandstands. Atlanta Public Schools Police Department will aid and assist in ensuring this will be enforced.
- NO TAILGATING Tailgating is NOT allowed on Lakewood or Henderson Stadium property.

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