



MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES FOR FAN/SPECTATOR SUPPORT ITEMS

In the chart below, ONLY those items marked “Yes” will be allowed as fan/spectator support items at all MIAA interscholastic and state tournament play. The items indicated on this page are for use by member schools as policy guidelines for their fans.

ITEM	ALLOWED
Fans storming the court/field of play	No
Balloons	No
Banners on wall	No Exceptions: Welcome signs, corporate sponsors, school signs that are permanently fixed on walls.
Confetti or shredded paper	No
Hand-held signs (individually or with more than one person)	No See explanation for Noise Makers below.
Laser light/pointer	No
Objects thrown into crowd i.e. Miniature sports ball, candy, etc.	No
Megaphones	No
Noise Makers (horns, bells, buzzers, whistles, thunder sticks, rattles, music instruments not part of a band, air horns, sirens)	No Per MIAA Handbook Rule 97.10.5 ”Horns, posters, noisemakers, confetti, pompoms, balloons, and banners are not to be permitted at any site. If the site manager feels that something not mentioned above is also creating a nuisance at a contest site, the site manager should have such items removed.”
Face Paint/Hair Coloring	Yes Fans are not prohibited from painting their faces or coloring their hair in manners that appropriately demonstrate school spirit. However, out of respect to facilities that host our tournaments, student support groups should do their painting prior to entering the facility.
Body paint/taking off shirt	No Shirts and shoes are required attire at every facility that hosts MIAA tournament events. Therefore, the use of body paint is prohibited at tournament events.
Paper banners for team to run through	Yes
Pompoms, shakers, spirit towels	No
Recorded music over PA system	Yes By approval of the site director only.
School/pep bands	Yes Per MIAA Handbook Rule 97.10.5.1-97.10.5.3 The MIAA Sportsmanship Committee has voted to permit bands to be present and to play at tournaments. However the following restrictions are part of this action. 1. A maximum of 12 is permitted. An advisor must be in attendance and sit with the band. 2. Permission in advance must be granted by the Tournament Director and Site Director. 3. Pep bands are not permitted to play while the game is in play. A full compliment of high school bands is permitted at all Superbowl football contests.
Cannons/muskets/guns	No
Carried school flags	No
Live animal mascots	No
Leaving team’s side of play/court	No