
FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policies and General Information Regarding Football Games at Mercer and Hall Stadiums

1. Only authorized personnel will be allowed on the field or in the team area before the game, at half time, or after the game. The teams shall have the field for uninterrupted warm-up for a period of 60 minutes, which will end 25 minutes prior to game time.
(Ex. Game time 7:00, warm-up from 5:35 to 6:35)
2. Only drill team, band students, or cheerleaders, in uniform, may form victory lines on the playing field. Spectators are not allowed on the field at any time including before and after the game.
3. Air horns, bells, and other mechanical noisemakers are prohibited in all District 23-5A contests. No items may be thrown or projected into the stands at any time.
4. Food or Drink may not be brought into the stadium except by bands, drill teams, cheerleaders. Glass bottles or glass containers are prohibited in the stadium.
Food, Drinks, Gum and seeds of any type are prohibited in the field area.
5. The use of confetti is prohibited in the stadium. No wrapping of the goal posts is permitted.
6. Balloons may **not** be brought into the stadium. Items such as skateboards, scooters, Frisbees, and balls are not permitted in the stadium.
7. 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.
8. **NO band, drill team, cheerleaders or photographer** 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.
9. **Spirit Signs—Signs** must not be placed in an area that would obstruct spectator vision to the field. No signs are allowed in the seating area at anytime. (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!

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10. No ticket refunds will be given. No Re-Entry is allowed.
11. State laws and school policies will be enforced concerning alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, weapons 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. Run-through signs may not be placed on the field if it has been raining and acrylic type paint has been used. Glitter is not allowed to be used on any run-through signs. Students involved in handling run-through signs or inflatable tunnels must return to the stands as soon as this activity is completed.
14. **BANDS, DRILL TEAMS, CHEERLEADERS, AND G.S.L.**
 - A. Each school will be allowed a total of 12 minutes for half time activity. Band and drill team sections are marked by the appropriate signage. If the band or drill team wishes to sit in areas not designated for the group, the director should check with the stadium administrator beforehand and see which area is available.
 - B. G.S.L. representatives (limit 4 per game) must present a letter from their sponsor on school letterhead bearing their name to the pass gate. Students must show their ID along with the letter.** The letter should identify the date of the game since only those G.S.L. representatives participating in that night's game will be admitted.
 - C. Band and drill team sponsors must enter with their groups and sit in sections reserved for them. All bus drivers should wear identification badges.
 - D. During half-time ceremonies, only band and drill team directors (adults only) may use the camera deck of the press box for observation
 - E. The field is covered with an artificial surface. Flaming batons or similar acts for half-time shows will not be permitted on the field.
 - F. Arrangement for half-time refreshments is the responsibility of each group. Empty cans and bottles must be removed by the group responsible.

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15. PRESS BOX (Information):

The G.S.L. announcer, game announcer and team spotter should report to the Press Box no later than 30 minutes before kickoff.

16. SCOUT BOX (Press Box): The Scout Box is reserved strictly for scouts. Four scouts per scout team will be admitted. Any additional scouts will be allowed if space permits.

17. PHOTOGRAPHERS

A. A school photographer should have an Athletic Department issued sideline pass. The photographer will be admitted through the Main Gate at the home corner of the stadium.

B. The camera deck is for the team video personnel only. All video personnel should enter the stadium with the team, or be given identification so they may be allowed through the Pass Gate.

18. TICKET GATE: Ticket gates will open one (1) hour before the game. Tickets will be sold through the end of the third quarter. Only spectators holding tickets will be allowed entry after that time.

19. PASS GATE: The Main Gate at each stadium will also serve as the Pass Gate. The following passes will be honored at the main pass gate

- A. Official District passes: example: 23-5A
- B. Teacher Passes for the participating school
- C. FBISD Administrator, School Board, & General Admission Passes
- D. Texas High School Coaches Association (current membership card)
- E. Texas Girls Coaches Association (current membership card)
- F. Texas Association of Sports Officials (current membership card)
- G. Sub-Varsity Football Player Pass
- H. Gold Card (Senior Citizen)

Those wishing to leave tickets for pickup should leave them at the Home Side Main Ticket Booth.

20. THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IS PROHIBITED ON THE PROPERTY OF ANY ATHLETIC FACILITY OF THE Fort Bend ISD.