

# PENINSULA PARISHES/SCHOOLS LEAGUE

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Pastors, Principals, & Athletic Directors  
of Parish and School Members of the  
Peninsula Parishes/Schools League

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to remind you of your responsibilities as Members and participants in Peninsula Parishes/Schools League (“PPSL”) events. While all of the PPSL rules are important, I want to direct your attention in particular to our General Rules, most particularly to those dealing with ***Behavior*** and ***Sportsmanship*** (Rules 3.13, 3.14, and 3.15).

As a general statement, there seemed to be more violations of these rules during the 2013/14 sports year than anyone can remember. Violations included, among other things, confrontations by coaches, parents and, or spectator with student-athletes and officials, fighting among participants, and the presence of alcohol. Such violations will not be tolerated. ***For the 2014/15 year, the Executive Board has unanimously adopted a “no-tolerance” stance and will move swiftly and aggressively in response to any such violations.***

To be clear, violations will result in the suspension of participants, coaches, parents, and or spectators from future PPSL events; there will be no warnings. This letter serves as such warning. Rule 3.15 provides the Executive Board with the authority to ban any violator from attending PPSL sponsored games or events for the remainder of a season, for the remainder of the year, or permanently.

We are disappointed to have to take such a stance. However, the volume and severity of the so-called behavior and sportsmanship rules violations last year cannot continue and will not be tolerated. Please advise all of your PPSL participants, coaches, parents, and spectators of the PPSL Rules and the penalties for violations.

**I cannot over-emphasize how important we view the topics of behavior and sportsmanship. The Executive Board views these principles as central to the purpose of the PPSL.**

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,  
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PPSL Conference Director

Cc: PPSL Executive Board members