

# **CATHOLIC LEAGUE POLICY ON SPECTATOR SEATING**

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Catholic League basketball spectator seating should be understood by both home team and visitors in advance of the contest. While the configuration of bleachers vary from gym to gym, the underlying principle of this policy is that spectators sit nearest their team's bench – furthest from the other team's bench.

In all circumstances, by NFHS Rule, pre-game warm up is opposite your bench. Teams shall shoot at the opposite basket with the opponent's fans in the first half and shoot at their basket with their fans in the second half.

When large crowds are expected signs should be posted. Administrators/security/crowd control personnel should be very visible and in front of their students. It is expected that administration will monitor their crowds and act on site to correct inappropriate or unsportsmanlike comments or behavior on the part of their fans. Each administrator should "take care of" their own spectators without comparison to the actions of the other school's spectators. Additional corrections can be made by administrators in communication both before and after contests, rather than on site.

Home team management designates team benches. This should be the same for JV as for varsity and should be the same all season long.

## **SEATING ON AT LEAST 2 SIDES**

Home team management may designate the location of spectators within the following guidelines:

Home team spectators must sit behind or across from their bench. Home team may determine if the student section should be behind or across from the bench. Visitors will also sit behind or across from their bench. Home team will determine where the student's visitors section will be.

## **BLEACHERS ON ONE SIDE ONLY**

Home team (students and adults) sits behind or across from their bench. Visiting team sits behind or across from their team bench.

## **SEATING ON BOTH SIDES AND UNDER BASKETS**

Same as above, but end zone seating shall be designated for the spectators who's bench is closest to that end zone.

This policy effective August, 2003.