

Southeast Texas Junior Football and Cheer Guidelines for Public Comment During STJFL Board Meetings

Public Participation in Meetings

The Board Meeting is held in public to facilitate public understanding, not for the purpose of public participation.

A. Patrons may address the Board at the designated time in accordance with board policy or if called on by the President to provide clarification of an issue on the agenda.

B. The Board Members shall listen to the public comments, but may not take action related to the comments made during the Public Forum portion of the agenda.

C. The Board President will be the designated spokesperson for the Board should any response to the speaker be required. The President may:

1. Make a statement of specific information in response to the speaker, including reference to board policy, if applicable.

2. information in response to the speaker, including a reference to policy, if applicable.

The Southeast Texas Junior Football and Cheer (STJFL) welcomes public comment during most regular meetings and at public hearings. Generally, Southeast Texas Junior Football and Cheer members do not respond to public comment during a meeting or hearing.

Time – Each speaker may speak for up to three minutes. A timer is employed and speakers should conclude their remarks when the buzzer sounds. The Board generally allows up to 15 minutes for Audience Questions and Comments on Non-Agenda Items at the beginning of meetings. If there are a large number of speakers on a particular topic, the Board may limit the total time for comment and/or may reduce the time allotted for each speaker.

Topics – Speakers may address an item on a Board Meeting agenda or may address an item not on the agenda during Audience Questions and Comments section. All comments should address a matter related to Southeast Texas Junior Football and Cheer. The School Board will not hear public comment that involves an individual player or cheer matter, the disclosure of which would violate applicable confidentiality requirements.

Decorum – The Southeast Texas Junior Football and Cheer Board expects that each speaker will be courteous, modeling for our students how one can respectfully disagree with others' views. Speakers will address their comments to the entire STJFL Board and not to one individual Board member, or the audience. Speakers are encouraged not to engage in personal attacks. Speakers will present their comments from the podium if available.

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Signing up to Speak – Speakers may also sign up in person at STJFLC meetings with the Secretary before the meeting is called.

- Speakers are called in the order in which they sign up. Speakers may not speak more than once on a specific topic.

Any violation to these ground rules can cause the removal of the Patron from the STJFLC meeting location and terminate the Audience and Questions Comment section of the STJFLC Board Meeting.

Closed/Executive Session

A. The Board President can call for a Closed/Executive Session where only STJFL Council and or Associate Council Members are allowed in the meeting.

B. Board Members will not disclose confidential information that is discussed in closed meetings regarding personnel, player, Association information.

C. Board Members may confirm that the Board discussed a particular topic during closed session if that topic was listed on the agenda and the presiding officer announced the Board would discuss it in closed session.

D. Board Members will not release the certified agenda or tape recording of a closed session.