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## PCPS District Hands Down Suspensions from Basketball Incident

Suspensions have been handed down in the aftermath of a fight that broke out after the Ponca City School versus Tulsa East Central girls' basketball game held at Robson Fieldhouse on December 11, 2018. The Ponca City Public School district has suspended one student athlete for the next two events along with one adult patron for the remainder of the season. The district is also requiring those suspended to complete an NFHS Sportsmanship Course before they may return from suspension.

Ponca City Athletic Director Jason Leavitt said, "The Ponca City Athletic Department and Ponca City High School would like to apologize to those who have been adversely affected by this incident. The behavior exhibited at the game was not representative of our athletic program or our students and will not be tolerated. We have been cooperating fully with the OSSAA and are continuing our internal investigation, which may result in further actions. We will continue to educate our students, staff and patrons on the importance of good sportsmanship and being positive role models. We will also take preventative measures to ensure something like this doesn't happen again. As adults, it is always our duty to be teaching and modeling appropriate behavior."

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