

Sportsmanship is EVERYONE'S Responsibility

Coaches

- Always set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the No. 1 priority.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the event and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect. Shake hands with officials and the opposing coach.
- Develop and enforce penalties for participants who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

Participants

- Treat opponents with respect. Shake hands prior to and after contests. Do not embarrass, demean, taunt or intimidate your opponent with ridiculing motions, finger pointing or trash talking.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the event and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- Cooperate with officials, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
- Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community; display positive public actions at all times.
- Live up to the high standard of sportsmanship established by the coach.

School Administrators

- Develop a program for teaching and promoting the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship within the school, the league/ conference and the state.
- Provide appropriate supervisory personnel for each inter-scholastic event.
- Support participants, coaches and fans who teach and display good sportsmanship.
- Recognize exemplary behavior and actively discourage undesirable conduct by participants, coaches and fans.
- Attend events whenever possible.

Spirit Groups

- Stimulate desired crowd response using only positive cheers, signs and praise without antagonizing or demeaning opponents.
- Treat opposing spirit groups and fans with respect.
- Recognize outstanding performances on either side of the playing field.
- Know the rules and strategies of the contest in order to cheer at proper times.
- Maintain enthusiasm and composure: serve as a role model.

Officials

- Accept role in an unassuming manner. Showboating and overofficiating are not acceptable.
- Maintain confidence and poise, controlling contest from start to finish.
- Know the rules thoroughly and abide by established code of ethics.
- Shake hands with coaches of both teams before contest.
- Never exhibit emotions or argue with participants and coaches when enforcing rules.

Parents, Other Fans

- Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support high school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
- Applaud during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Recognize players' performance with applause, regardless of team.
- Do not blame the loss of the game on officials, coaches or participants.
- Do not use profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.
- Show concern for an injured player, regardless of team.
- Encourage surrounding fans to display only sportsmanlike behavior and respect all fans, coaches and participants.
- Treat competition as just a game.
- Be a fan, not a fanatic.



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