

# Sportsmanship

## Sportsmanship is:

- respect for yourself, your coach, your team, the officials and the opponent.
- positive behavior when you win and positive behavior when you lose.
- appreciation of talented athletic ability, talented athletes and talented teams

## The Coach

The coach is the central figure in the sportsmanship pattern of the school and community. He/she is the leader and example. The Coach:

1. Treats own players and opponents with respect.
2. Inspires in the athletes a love for the game and the desire to compete fairly.
3. Is a role model for the type of person he/she wants the athletes to be.
4. Disciplines those on the team who display unsportsmanlike behavior.
5. Respects the judgment and interpretation of the rules by the officials.
6. Knows he/she is a teacher and understands the athletic arena is a classroom.

## The Spectator

1. Attempts to understand and be informed of the playing rules.
2. Appreciates a good play no matter who makes it.
3. Cooperates with and responds enthusiastically to cheerleaders.
4. Shows compassion for an injured player, applauds positive performances, does not heckle, jeer or distract players, and avoids use of profane and obnoxious language and behavior.

5. Respects the judgment and strategy of the coach and does not criticize players or coaches for loss of a game.
6. Respects property of others and authority of those who administer the competition.
7. Respects the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understands that they are doing their best to help promote the student/athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.

## The Player

1. Treats own coaches and opponents with respect.
2. Plays hard, but plays within the rules.
3. Exercises self-control at all times, setting the example for others to follow.
4. Respects officials and accepts their decisions without gesture or argument.
5. Wins without boasting, loses without excuses, and never quits.
6. Always remembers that it is a privilege to represent the school and community.

## The Official

1. Knows the rules and their interpretations.
2. Places welfare of the participants above all other considerations.
3. Treats players and coaches courteously and demands the same from them.
4. Works cooperatively with fellow officials, timers and/or scorers for an efficient contest.
5. Is fair and firm in all decisions, never compensating for a previous mistake.
6. Maintains confidence, poise and self-control from start to finish.