



Sportsmanship Expectations for Student-Athletes

EACH STUDENT-ATHLETE is expected to:

- A. Accept and understand the seriousness of his/her responsibility, and the privilege of representing the school, District, and community.
- B. Live up to the standards of sportsmanship established by the school administration and the coaching staff.
- C. Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with parents, fans, fellow students, and elementary students. This will assist the student and others to achieve a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- D. Treat opponents the way the student would like to be treated, as a guest or friend. Who better than the participating athlete can understand all the hard work and team effort that is required of the sport?
- E. Refrain from taunting, trash talking, and making any kind of derogatory remarks to opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial, or sexual nature.
- F. Refrain from intimidating behavior.
- G. Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.
- H. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.

The officials are doing their best to help promote athletes and the sport. Treating them with respect, even if the athlete disagrees with their judgment, will only make a positive impression of the athlete and the team in the eyes of the officials and all the people at the event.

- I. Win with humility; lose with grace. Do both with dignity. Avoid excessive celebrating after a play or end of a game.

Any form of unacceptable behavior by any student is subject to discipline which may include removal from the event, suspension of participation in all athletic events for a season or school year, suspension from school, and/or referral to the local authorities.