

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS FOR COACHES

EACH COACH is expected to:

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership, adhering to strong ethical and integrity standards. Practicing good citizenship is practicing good sportsmanship!
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- D. Describe and define respectful and disrespectful behavior. Stress that disrespectful behavior, especially taunting, trash talking, and intimidation, will not be tolerated.
- E. Set a good example for players and spectators to follow.
- F. Refrain from arguments in front of players and spectators.
- G. Not use gestures which indicate an official or opposing coach does not know what s/he is doing or talking about.
- H. Not throw objects in disgust.
- I. Shake hands with the officials and the opposing coaches before and after the contest in full view of the public and demand the same of his/her players.
- J. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.

The officials are doing their best to help promote athletics and the student/athlete. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will only make a positive impression of you and your team in the eyes of all people at the event.
- K. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat in public and in meeting/talking with the media.
- L. Confine his/her remarks to game statistics and to the performance of his/her team.
- M. Instruct participants and spectators in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the No. 1 priority.
- N. Develop a program that rewards participants and spectators for displaying proper sportsmanship and enforces penalties on those who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.
- O. Be no party to the use of profanity or obscene language, or improper actions.

Any form of unacceptable behavior by any staff member is subject to discipline in accordance with the rules of the High School Athletic Association, District guidelines, or the terms of a negotiated agreement.