



# Sportsmanship

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# Student – Athlete Expectations

Will have a thorough knowledge of and abide by all rules of the game and RIIL.

Will work for the good of the team at all times.

Will cheer for your team, not against your opponent.

Will congratulate opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.

Will refrain from the use of illegal or unhealthy substances to gain an unfair advantage.

# Coaches Expectations

The coach plays a critical role in supporting and enhancing good sportsmanship. The coach must accept primary responsibility for the behavior and actions of his/her players and assistant coaches, before, during and after all games.. The coach serves as a role model for his/her players, their parents and the spectators. The coach must always be in control, practice sound values and ethics and always pursue victory with honor.

Will model ethics and sportsmanship, always pursue victory with honor and maintain dignity and self-control.

Shall stay informed about sound coaching techniques and the physical, mental, and emotional development of the student-athlete.

# Coaches Expectations

Will teach players the rules of the game and to respect the game, officials, and opponents and will take action when athletes exhibit poor sportsmanship.

Will place the academic, emotional, physical and moral well being of student-athletes above desires and pressures to win.

Will be an ambassador for sport among athletes, schools, families and the community.

Will abide by the rules of the game and RIIL in letter and spirit.

Shall exemplify high moral character, behavior and leadership, lead by example and set a standard for players and spectators to follow.

Will respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.

# Be Aware

During the course of the game (before, during or after) game officials have the authority to identify inappropriate unsportsmanlike behavior, bring this to the attention of the home or visiting representative, and request that such behavior stop immediately, and or have those spectators who are responsible for this behavior removed.

In addition, if the unsportsmanlike behavior continues and is not corrected the game official has the authority to stop the game and forward the report to the RIIL.