



S.T.A.R. Sportsmanship Expectations



Administrators/Athletic Directors/Event Managers:

- Create a safe and welcoming through event preparation including signage, communication with opposing schools, welcoming students and coaches on to campus and announcing/posting clear expectations of expected behaviors.
- Be present for events, even those events that are way from your home facilities. If event managers are not able to attend, ensure communication regarding the event is done in advance.
- Create a positive environment by ensuring that spectators cheer in support their team and not negatively against the opponent.
- Interrupt acts of discriminatory harassment and ensure that follow through on the behaviors is completed.

Participants:

- Accept the responsibility and privilege the student-athlete has in representing their school and community by learning and showing teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline in all aspects of the game.
- Demonstrate respect for self, coach, teammates, opponents, officials and spectators by exhibiting good character and conducting themselves as a positive role model.
- Win and lose graciously.
- Cheer for your team, not against your opponent.
- Congratulate opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.
- If a discriminatory incident occurs, report the incident to a coach, administrator or an official.

Coaches:

- Exemplify high moral character, behavior, and leadership. Lead by example and set a standard for players and spectators to follow both on and off the athletic arena.
- Teach players the rules of the game and to respect the game and take action when athletes exhibit poor sportsmanship.
- Respect the integrity and judgement of officials and do not publicly criticize or question the decisions of officials.
- Aware of the competitive balance of contests and manage the score in a manner that is sportsmanlike and respectful of opponents.
- If a discriminatory incident occurs during an event, report it to an official or administrator for further follow through. Also ensure those involved receive any needed support.

Parents/Students/Spectators:

- Cheer positively to support their team and not cheer negatively against the opponent.
- Show respect for the game officials and their decisions.
- Applaud all participants efforts whether they win or lose.
- If you witness an act of a discriminatory nature, please report it to event management.

Officials:

- Communicate with event management and coaches prior to the game regarding expectations of the event. Throughout the game, proactively engage with coaches and event management attempting to ensure a positive climate is maintained.
- Maintain confidence and poise controlling the game from start to finish.
- Do your part in promoting sportsmanship among schools and within your association.
- If you witness a discriminatory act, please report it to coaches and administrators present at the event for further follow through.