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SPORTSMANSHIP

The coach role in respecting the game and its participants

What is Sportsmanship?

- A commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity (NFHS).
- A commitment to maintain composure and respect towards opponents, officials, and staff in tense environments.
- A commitment to teaching and enforcing clear behavior expectations before, during and after contests.

Why is Sportsmanship important?

- Because it teaches life lessons of character, teamwork, and overcoming adversity.
- Because maintaining it - especially in challenging environments - sets the standard for how we all deserve to be treated.

How do I exhibit Sportsmanship?

Towards other Athletes	Towards other Coaches	Towards Officials
<p>Encouragement and support of all the athletes regardless of team.</p> <p>Cheer positively for your team. No use of profanity, obscene language, or taunting.</p> <p>Respect that athletes/teams are at various levels of their journey within the sport and determine the best learning opportunity for all.</p> <p>Analyze strengths and weaknesses in order to promote healthy competition.</p>	<p>Be respectful of the opposing team and staff.</p> <p>Welcome opposing team and debrief important information (bathrooms, trainers, etc.)</p> <p>Game Day Protocols: National Anthem, handshake lines, starting line-ups, name pronunciation, post-game interactions</p> <p>Model respectful interactions with opposing coaches</p>	<p>Greet the officials as they enter and show proper hospitality.</p> <p>Model positive Conflict Resolution</p> <p>Respectful Communication</p> <p>Leadership by Example</p> <p>Understanding of the Rules</p> <p>Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials</p>



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COLLABORATION

Promoting unity, sportsmanship, and mental health

Relationship Expectations & Examples for our teams

TEAMMATE → TEAMMATE

- Team Building
- Communication Skills
- Positive Team Culture
- Promote Inclusion and Diversity

TEAM → TEAM within your school

- Promote Athletic Leadership within the school
- Support other teams games and events
- Treat all teams equally

TEAM → TEAM opposing school

- What relationships already exist? Do the coaches or players have existing relationships that can be talked about in order to build respect?
- Joint Pre-game activities
- Positive social media interaction

COACH → COMMUNITY

- Community Service
- Involvement with feeder system
- Coaches Clinics

