

Engaging Effectively with Parents



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General Sportsmanship Guidelines

Since athletics should be educational in nature, it is important that all parents demonstrate good sportsmanship and serve as role models for our children and students at the school. Sportsmanship is an overt display of respect for the rules of sport and for all others – players, coaches, officials and fans (National Federation News, March 1995, p. 10). It also involves a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity. This means:

1. There can be no vulgar or inappropriate language from our fans or spectators.
2. Taunting or trash talking of our opponents and their cheerleaders cannot be tolerated.
3. Spectators cannot leave the bleachers or enter onto the court or field during a contest.
4. Fans should be supportive and positive. Cheering should be done for our team and not against our opponent.
5. We should not impede or interfere with our opponent's cheerleaders from leading their cheers.
6. In some specific sports such as basketball and volleyball, we should not yell while an opponent takes a foul shot or as a player attempts to serve.