

**SPORTSMANSHIP IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY!**

- “Fair play necessitates that all competitors have the same chance for success.”
- Do the right thing.
- “Fans are not at an event to intimidate or ridicule, but to support and enjoy the competition.”
- Good Sportsmanship begins with you!
- Win or lose, I pledge to do the best I can to be a team player and respect my teammates, my opponents and the officials, and to improve myself in spirit, mind and body.
- Turnovers, fouls and missed goals are the reasons teams lose ball games. The calls made by a referee don't lose ball games.
- “Winning is for a day – sportsmanship is for a lifetime.”
- Be a Good Sport!

**Acceptable Behavior**

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1. Accept all decisions of contest official.
2. Applause during player introductions.
3. Shaking hands with opponents who foul out of the game.
4. Cheerleaders leading fans in positive cheers.
5. Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of the contest, regardless of the outcome.
6. Treat the competition as a game, not a war.
7. Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of team.

**Unacceptable Behavior**

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1. Disrespectful or derogatory yells chants, songs or gestures.
2. Booming or heckling an official's decisions.
3. Criticizing officials in any way.
4. Yells that antagonize opponents.
5. Refusing to shake hands.
6. Blaming the loss of a game on an official, coach or participant.
7. Taunting or name-calling to distract and opponent.
8. Use of profanity.
9. Hand-held signs containing derogatory language or comments.