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## SPORTSMANSHIP FROM A TO Z

**A**ccept and abide by the decisions of the game officials.

**B**e a good host to opponents and treat them as guests.

**C**heers are to be positive. No disrespectful or derogatory yells or chants shall be used.

**D**o unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**E**ncourage players to play hard and fair.

**F**ollow the rules of the contest at all times.

**G**ive of yourself to the cause of good sportsmanship.

**H**old meetings with players and parents to encourage them to display proper conduct.

**I**ntervene when inappropriate language or behavior is observed.

**J**udgement calls on the part of the officials are not reason for inappropriate behavior.

**K**now and understand the rules of the league and the sport.

**L**ose with dignity and without excuses! Win with character and without boasting

**M**aintain enthusiasm, composure and a positive attitude.

**N**egativity creates divides, but sportsmanship bonds friends, families and opposing athletes.

**O**pposing coaches, players and fans must be respected always.

**P**lay fair and by the rules and regulations as outlined by the league.

**Q**uestioning an official's call or making negative comments about an official is not acceptable behavior.

**R**ecognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play.

**S**pectators can make a difference. Be Positive!! Show respect to opponents and officials.

**T**reat the contest as a GAME not a war.

**U**nderstand the student-athletes you are watching will make mistakes and should not be ridiculed any anytime because of their efforts.

**V**ictory with honor!

**W**in with character and without boasting and lose with dignity and without excuses.

**eX**ceptions to sportsmanship will lead to ejection from the event and may jeopardize your school's team contest.

**Y**elling, booing or heckling an official's call is unacceptable.

**Z**ero tolerance regarding profanity/inappropriate language or behavior.