

## SPORTSMANSHIP

1.0 In order to promote core values such as discipline, fairness, responsibility, trustworthiness and citizenship, everyone associated with athletics and co-curricular activities, including participants, coaches, advisors, parents and spectators, is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.

### 2.0 PARTICIPANTS

2.1 In exhibiting sportsmanship, students are expected to:

- 2.1.a Understand and follow the rules of the activity;
- 2.1.b Recognize skilled performance of others, regardless of the participant's team;
- 2.1.c Display respect for teammates, opponents, coaches, advisors and officials;
- 2.1.d Respect the judgment of officials and accept their decisions;
- 2.1.e Refrain from antics, taunting opponents and using insulting language or profanity;
- 2.1.f Be modest when successful and gracious in defeat; and
- 2.1.g Recognize that their conduct reflects on their school.

### 3.0 COACHES

3.1 In exhibiting sportsmanship, coaches/advisors are expected to:

- 3.1.a Recognize that they are role models for students and set a good example for participants and fans to follow;
- 3.1.b Abide by the rules of the activity, in letter and in spirit;
- 3.1.c Treat all participants with respect;
- 3.1.d Behave with dignity and self-control;
- 3.1.e Refrain from antics, taunting opponents and using insulting language or profanity;
- 3.1.f Respect the judgment of officials and accept their decisions;

3.1.g Take corrective action toward any participant who intimidates or shows disrespect toward an official or displays unsportsmanlike behavior or violates this policy; and

3.1.h Be modest when successful and gracious in defeat.

#### 4.0 SPECTATORS, INCLUDING PARENTS, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

4.1 Spectators attending athletic/co-curricular events are expected to:

4.1.a Realize that the main purpose of the activity is participation and that the role of the spectator is one of support;

4.1.b Show positive support to the participants for outstanding performances;

4.1.c Show concern for injured participants, regardless of which school they represent;

4.1.d Refrain from angry or abusive language or actions toward any participant, official, coach, advisor or other spectators;

4.1.e Refrain from endangering participants or spectators by throwing objects;

4.1.f Refrain from heckling, taunting or berating participants, officials, coaches, advisors or other spectators; and

4.1.g Follow all Board policies and rules pertaining to conduct on school property, including but not limited to those pertaining to tobacco, alcohol, drugs and weapons.

4.2 School athletic events and co-curricular activities are part of the educational program. An athletic event is a public event, but is not a public forum. The public is invited to attend events for the purpose of supporting the participants on both teams and the schools they represent. Appropriate behavior by spectators, especially adults, provides a positive model for students and contributes to the value and educational purposes of student activities. Negative comments and behavior by spectators are inconsistent with the purposes of student activities. School administrators and officials have the authority and discretion to remove spectators who do not comply with rules of sportsmanship.

#### 5.0 PENALTIES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

5.1 Student participants who engage in unsportsmanlike behavior, or conduct which constitutes a violation of Board Policy, will be subject to penalties described in the Student Handbook.

- 5.2 Student spectators whose behavior constitutes a violation of Board policy, school rules or the Student Code of Conduct will be subject to appropriate disciplinary consequences.
- 5.3 Spectators who engage in unsportsmanlike behavior or conduct that violates Board policy may be asked to leave the premises and may be excluded from future events. The administrator in charge of the event may seek the assistance of law enforcement authorities if necessary to ensure the safety of participants, coaches, advisors, officials or other spectators or to prevent damage to school property.
- 5.4 Coaches/advisors who engage in unsportsmanlike behavior or conduct that violates Board policy may be disciplined, which may include suspension or termination.

Cross Reference:     JJJ - Philosophy of Athletics  
                          JJIB - Sponsorship and Evaluation of Athletic Programs  
                          JJIBA - Hiring and Evaluation of Coaches  
                          JJIBC - Relations with Booster Groups (or alternative code KJA)

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