

SPORTSMANSHIP & CYO ATHLETICS

“Good sportsmanship is viewed...as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. Individuals, regardless of their role in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.”

- The National Federation of State High School Associations’ Mission Statement

EXPECTATIONS

COACHES

- Always set a good example for athletes and fans, exemplify the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Teach Sportsmanship and Gospel values to athletes and make it a high priority.
- Respect the judgment of officials, follow the rules and do not display any behavior that could incite fans.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect. Shake the hand of opposing coaches and officials in public.

ATHLETES

- Treat opponents with respect, shake hands prior to and after contests.
- Respect judgment of officials, follow the rules and do not display any behavior that could incite fans.
- Accept the responsibility and privilege of representing school, church and community in a positive manner.
- Live up to the high standards of sportsmanship set by Gospel values.

PARENTS & FANS

- Realize that admission to an event is a privilege to observe and support, not a license to verbally assault or to be obnoxious.
- Respect decisions of contest officials.
- Be a role model by positively supporting teams at all times. Respect fans, coaches and participants.

CYO and MEMBER ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION

- Teach and promote the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship and Gospel values within the Diocese of Cleveland.
- Provide appropriate supervision of athletic contests.
- Support fans, coaches and participants who display good sportsmanship.
- Recognize exemplary behavior and discourage undesirable conduct.
- Attend athletic events whenever possible.

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