

## Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form & Sportsmanship Expectations

There are times when parents can become quite vocal at events and be loudly critical of both game officials and opposing players and teams. This type of negative behavior is counterproductive to what schools are trying to promote. It creates an uncomfortable environment for the other fans that came to support their team and wish to enjoy the game. This behavior can be an embarrassment to the school and the young people that are involved in the activity.

The Definition of Sportsmanship is Character Displayed in athletic competition. **Read and initial each character trait or code of conduct expectation for High School Athletic Events. Failing to follow the Parent Code of Conduct could result in immediate suspension from District Events.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **RESPONSIBILITY:** Be a positive role model on and off the field and require that of your family. Exhibit life skills that enhance personal success and social responsibility. Maintain competence by understanding the basic rules of the game and the calls of the officials.

\_\_\_\_\_ **FAIRNESS:** Adhere to high standards of fair play. Treat teams fairly according to their abilities. Never take unfair advantage. Be open-minded.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CARING:** Assure that the academic, emotional, physical and moral well-being of your child is always placed above desires and pressures to win. Do not permit reckless or potentially unsafe behavior of athletes.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CITIZENSHIP:** Avoid gamesmanship and promote sportsmanship by honoring the rules and goals of the sport. Establish codes of conduct for your family and friends. Safeguard the health of athletes and the integrity of the sport by prohibiting the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. Demand compliance with all laws and regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TRUSTWORTHINESS:** Always pursue victory with honor. Demonstrate and demand integrity. Observe and enforce the spirit and letter of rules. Don't compromise education and character development goals. Don't engage in or tolerate dishonesty, cheating or dishonorable conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_ **RESPECT:** Treat the traditions of the sport and other participants with respect. Don't engage in or tolerate disrespectful conduct including verbal abuse of opponents and officials, profane or belligerent "trash-talking," taunting and unseemly celebrations. Win with grace and lose with dignity.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have read the Parent Handbook (date) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/202\_\_\_\_\_.**

### Parental Code of Conduct:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I accept the responsibility and privilege of watching my child compete for our school and community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I will treat opponents with respect as they are our guests.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I will exercise self-control at all times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Respect the judgment and strategy of the coach.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I will accept both victory and defeat with compassion and pride.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I will accept and show respect for all Officials' calls.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Help develop a community reputation for good sportsmanship.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Give encouragement to athletic teams and recognition of good plays by everyone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Be a role model by being positive in every manner possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Support those playing, coaching and officiating.

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Signature of Parent

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Date

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Name of Child

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Sport/Activity