

Good sportsmanship is the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for the interscholastic athletic programs of Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association member schools as well as for the individuals who participate.

People involved in all facets of the interscholastic athletic programs are expected to demonstrate respect for others and display good sportsmanship.

It is essential that student-athletes, coaches, parents, student groups and fans in general are constantly reminded that Good Sports Are Winners! People believe sportsmanship to be an important issue of concern in interscholastic athletics.

Positive experiences do not occur by chance, rather they are a result of the educational structure, the right perspective, the right leadership and the true understanding of sportsmanship.

Good sportsmanship is not merely a campaign — it is the essence of what educational athletics is about. Let all of us who have the opportunity promote the ideals of sportsmanship so that today's students and tomorrow's citizens may build a better society.

The PLAA and the East Penn School District trust that you will do your part in promoting good sportsmanship within our school and community.

Remember, Sportsmanship is EVERYONE'S responsibility!

### Fans Fair Play Code

I will remember that young people play sports for THEIR enjoyment, not to entertain me.

I will not have unrealistic expectations and will understand that doing one's best is as important as winning.

I understand that ridiculing an athlete for making a mistake is not acceptable behavior.

I will respect the officials' decisions and will encourage all participants to do the same.

I will respect and show appreciation for the coaches and understand that they have given their time to provide sport activities for our young people.

I will encourage athletes and coaches to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

I will show respect for my team's opponents because I realize there would be no game without them.

I will not use bad language and will not harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

I will always show good sportsmanship. Young people learn by example.

### EXPECTATION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

1. Gain an understanding and an appreciation for the rules of the contest. It is essential to be well informed. Know the rules. If you are uniformed, refrain from expressing opinions.

2. Exercise positive behavior at ALL times. Your behavior influences others whether you are aware of it or not.

3. Recognize and appreciate skilled performances regardless of affiliation. This not only represents good sportsmanship but reflects a true awareness by recognizing and acknowledging quality.

4. Exhibit respect for contest officials. Officials are impartial arbitrators who are trained and perform to the best of their ability. Mistakes by all those involved in the contest are part of the contest.

5. Display openly a respect for the opponent at all times. Be a positive representative for your school, team, and family.

6. Display pride in your actions at every opportunity. Never allow your ego to interfere with good judgement and your responsibility as a representative of your school.

# SPORTSMANSHIP It's EVERYONE'S responsibility!

## SPORTSMANSHIP FOR PARENTS

### ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

- Applause during introduction of players, coaches, and contest officials.
- Keep it Simple—ENJOY the game
- Accept all decisions of contest officials and coaches.
- Treat the competition as a contest, not a battle.
- Congratulate participants to recognize them for outstanding performance, effort, and coaching.
- Applause for performances by all participants at the end of a contest.
- Show concern for an injured player, regardless of which team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display only sportsmanlike conduct.



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