

SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

The basic goal of the athletic program of the Sunapee School District is directed towards the development of the individual athlete's body, mind and spirit. Additionally, the promotion of team spirit and positive school spirit is to be encouraged for all students.

The Sunapee School District believes that sportsmanship is important for participants and spectators alike. Students and their parents shall be informed of the District's expectations and community cooperation will be sought in maintaining good sportsmanship. We expect our athletes and fans to show high standards of conduct and sportsmanship at all times. A good sportsman is one who abides by the rules of a contest and accepts victory or defeat graciously. To promote these expectations, the following principals have been adopted to reinforce our strong belief in good conduct.

For the Coach:

- 1) Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership; abide by the standards of strong ethics and high integrity.
- 2) Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- 3) Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.

Coaches and other adult leaders are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship. Instances of failure to do so will result in disciplinary action such as oral and written reprimands; failure to correct negative behavior could result in possible suspension from extra-duty activities.

For the Athlete:

- 1) Accept and understand the seriousness of responsibility, and the privilege of representing your school and your community.
- 2) Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated.
- 3) Respect the integrity and judgment of officials.

Coaches and other adult supervisors shall use appropriate disciplinary measures, such as loss of playing time and possible removal from the team, as a deterrent to poor sportsmanship. Student fans will be held to the same standard as players. In addition to the possibility of being barred from attendance at further events, misconduct at an extracurricular event will bear the same consequences as misconduct during school.

For the Spectator:

- 1) Remember that you are at a contest to support your team and to enjoy the competition.
- 2) Show respect for players, coaches, officials and school personnel.
- 3) Be a positive role model through your own actions.

Fans and spectators are expected to show good sportsmanship. Failure to do so is cause for security personnel and administrators to suggest that they are not serving as a good role model for young people and if negative behavior persists or is particularly offensive, they will be asked to leave.

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