

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LEAGUE

GUIDELINE TO SPORTSMANSHIP EVALUATION

PLAYERS:

1. Responsiveness to coach:

- a. Players do as the coach directs them upon arrival at the field or court, during warm-ups, and throughout the game or match.
- b. Players follow team standards at all times.
- c. Players who are counseled for misbehavior or inappropriate attitudes respond positively.
- d. Players who receive instruction concerning fundamentals in their sport (or playing strategy) make an effort to carry out those instructions.

2. Self-discipline (arrogant, angry, language):

- a. Players on the field or court or on the bench do not demonstrate through looks, words, or actions an inappropriate response to leading or winning a game or match.
- b. Individually, players who have made a successful or outstanding play do not celebrate excessively.
- c. Individual players who have made a bad play or whose teammate has made a bad play do not overreact negatively.
- d. Teams who are losing a game do not give the appearance of no longer trying.
- e. Teammates do not yell at each other or at their coach.
- f. Players do not use swearing or cussing or coarse gestures, nor do they put down others involved in the contest.

3. Encouraging teammates:

- a. Players on the bench applaud and cheer, either spontaneously and/or in an organized, player-led manner, their entire team or individuals making outstanding plays.
- b. Players on the field or court verbally congratulate or console teammates; or shake hands, give a high five or a pat on the back whenever appropriate.
- c. Players coming off the playing field or court are greeted by teammates in an encouraging manner.

4. Treatment of other players:

- a. If a player rather than a coach leads in prayer, prays for safety and well being of the other team.
- b. Home team players make the visitors feel welcome by greeting them appropriately.
- c. Players show courtesy to opponents in all pre-game contacts.
- d. Players wish each other well at pre-game meeting.
- e. Players do not taunt the opponent with actions or words, including the use of sarcasm.
- f. When appropriate, players help a fallen opponent up.
- g. When appropriate, players congratulate an opponent on an outstanding play.
- h. Players do not clap derisively if an opponent falls or fouls out.
- i. Players do apologize for accidental or unintentionally rough contact.
- j. Players encourage an injured opponent leaving the playing area or returning to their position, or in the case of a more serious situation, the team prays for the injured opponent.
- k. Players shake hands after the game or match, showing no rudeness or excessive roughness.
- l. After the game or match, players individually or as a team initiate or respond to friendly gestures from the opponent.

5. Responsiveness to officials:

- a. Players do not argue with calls.
- b. Players do not express dissatisfaction over calls to their coach in such a way that the spectators or opponents are apprised of their displeasure.
- c. Players do not demonstrate disagreement over calls by exaggerated looks of shock, waving arms in disbelief or dismissal, pantomiming or ridiculing the official, or by inappropriate gestures.
- d. Captains who talk with officials before a game or match do so respectfully.
- e. A player addressing an official during a game or match with the purpose of rectifying an error does so respectfully.

COACHES:

6. Professionalism:

- a. Playing area is properly prepared and as near to official standard as facility allows.
- b. Team warm-ups are organized, conducted with precision.
- c. Coach is prepared with necessary equipment, line-up, officials' fees, etc.
- d. Team arrives in time for proper warm-up.
- e. Game strategy demonstrates understanding of fundamentals of game.
- f. Whether winning or losing, coach always puts welfare of players as top priority by keeping emotions under control and criticism constructive.
- g. Coach helps to keep fans informed and under control whenever possible.

7. Team management (organized, controlled players during/after game):

- a. Team runs through warm-up procedure with a focused attitude and with minimal on-the-spot coaching instruction.
- b. Players are working together as a unit.
- c. Players do not appear confused with substitution moves, changes in strategy, etc.
- d. Players with problems are immediately taken from game and counseled.
- e. As coach instructs or corrects players, he or she keeps a calm demeanor.

8. Conduct toward opposing coach (friendly, hospitable, helpful):

- a. Visiting coach is welcomed by the host coach, upon arrival.
- b. Host coach informs visiting coach where team bench will be, where restrooms and water fountains are located.
- c. Host coach provides for warm-up area and informs visiting coach of same.
- d. Visiting coach responds graciously.
- e. Coach is polite and courteous toward opposing coach at all times.
- f. Coach looks for opportunities to encourage opposing coach and to engage in friendly conversation.

9. Conduct toward opposing players:

- a. Coach greets opposing team upon arrival of visitors.
- b. Host coach invites opposing players to center court or playing field for prayer.
- c. Coach seeks out opposing players before contest begins.
- d. When possible, coach calls opposing player by name.
- e. When possible, coach congratulates an opposing player on an outstanding play.
- f. After game, coach makes a point of congratulating opposing player who has made a significant contribution to his/her team.
- g. Coach speaks to opposing players with respect and courtesy.

10. Conduct toward officials:

- a. Coach is polite and courteous to officials at all times.
- b. Visiting coach provides host coach with official's fees as soon as possible.
- c. Host coach pays official upon arrival, before contest begins.
- d. Coach primarily discusses rule violations, not judgment calls, with an official.
- e. Coach does not make public allegation of rule violations, but brings such to official's attention privately.