



Tools & Ideas to Help School Administrators Prior to Contests and Events

Engaging with Student Fans

- Meet with leaders of your student spirit groups and remind them of sportsmanship expectations and consequences.
- Develop plans for students to read behavior expectations live on the P.A. system before a contest. Consider using the theme “It’s OUR Game!” to emphasize that participants are playing for each other, not the adults in the stands.
- Appoint leaders of the student fan section and emphasize that there shall be no profanity, no singling out anyone from the opposing team and cheers shall be for your school and not against the opponent.
- Develop a rewards system for students and/or student groups that display exemplary behavior.
- Provide written handouts reviewing and promoting the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
- Hang posters reviewing and promoting the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
- Consider having students sign a “contract” to confirm their obligation to promote and display good sportsmanship.
- Consider requiring students to take the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) free online sportsmanship course (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2>).