



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

Setting Expectations for Parents

- Conduct a preseason meeting with parents (and include student-athletes) and review sportsmanship expectations and consequences (***this is an OHSAA Bylaw requirement***).
- Remove any individual(s) who disrupts the contest or event (***this is an OHSAA Bylaw requirement***).
- Ensure that unauthorized personnel are kept from the playing field/court (***this is an OHSAA Bylaw requirement***).
- Develop a program for teaching and promoting the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship within the community.
- 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 parents sign a “contract” to confirm their obligation to promote and display good sportsmanship.
- Consider requiring parents to take the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) free online sportsmanship course (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2>).