



PRE-SEASON MEETINGS - SPORTSMANSHIP

EXPECTATIONS OF FAMILY MEMBERS

- Accept the responsibility of representing your school and community in a positive and supporting manner and encourage other fans to follow suit.
- Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support high school athletics and is not a license to verbally assault anyone or become unhinged.
- Realize that interscholastic athletes are part of the educational experience with benefits that go beyond the final score.
- Realize that everyone's goal is to win, but winning is not our purpose in interscholastic athletics. Our purpose is the human growth of the participants so that they can develop skills they can use throughout their lives.
- Contest officials work other full-time jobs and are giving back to the game to help our young people. Respect their decisions and learn the rules of the game to better understand the calls.
- Respect and support the job of the coaches.
- Respect opponents as students, and acknowledge them for striving to do their best.
- Be a fan, not a fanatic. If you are a parent, be a parent of which your child can be proud!

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Accept the responsibility of representing your school and community in a positive and supporting manner and encourage your teammates to follow suit.
- Treat opponents, coaches and officials with respect just as you would want to be treated.
- Ensure that your actions do not incite fans or other participants or attempt to embarrass, ridicule or demean others.
- Exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions by officials, coaches and teammates and abiding by them.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials. Never argue or make gestures indicating the dislike of a decision.
- Always set a good example for your teammates and student fans to follow.
- Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, being neither boastful nor bitter.
- Congratulate opponents in a sincere manner following either a win or a loss.

Why Interscholastic Athletics

- Participation in interscholastic athletics programs is educational in nature and:
 - ✓ Complements each student's school experience.
 - ✓ Fosters a sense of community and teaches lifelong lessons of hard work, teamwork, citizenship and discipline.
 - ✓ Promotes a lifetime appreciation for sports and healthy lifestyles.
 - ✓ Promotes student academic achievement and success over athletics achievement and success.
 - ✓ Helps prepare students for the next level of life as a responsible adult and productive citizen.