



# Sportsmanship Expectations

## Acceptable Behavior

- Applaud during the introduction of players, coaches and officials
- Recognize a player's performance who has fouled out with applause from both sets of fans and with a handshake from opponents
- Accept all decisions of officials
- Follow the lead of cheerleaders in positive school cheers in a respectful manner
- Shake hands at end of contest between participants and coaches regardless of the outcome
- Treat the competition as a game and not a war
- Search out and congratulate opposing coaches and players
- Applaud the performance of all participants at the end of a contest
- Show concern for an injured player regardless of which team he or she plays for
- Encourage only sportsmanlike conduct which includes class, dignity and respect

## Unacceptable Behavior

- Yelling or waving arms during opponent's free-throw attempt
- Performing disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs, or gestures
- Booing or heckling an official's decision



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- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call
- Yelling anything that might antagonize the opponents
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances
- Blaming loss of game on official, coaches, or participants
- Taunting or name-calling to distract an opponent
- Using profanity or displays of anger that draws attention away from the game
- Performing your own cheers instead of following lead of the cheerleaders

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