



Code of Conduct

The following is taken from the “Pursuing Victory with Honor” Handbook. Each member school has been provided a copy of the handbook. Additional information regarding sportsmanship programs, are available in the handbook. As we begin a new winter sports season, school administrators should take time to review their sportsmanship programs within their schools and communities.

Teacher-Coach’s Code

- ★ Enthusiastically support and practice Pursuing Victory with Honor
- ★ Win and lose graciously
- ★ Winning is only part of youth sports. Be sure your players enjoy the experience. Don’t let anyone yell at them or mock them.
- ★ Generously praise your athletes when they deserve it.
- ★ Set a good example. Young people need a coach-teacher they can respect.
- ★ Be reasonable in your demands on young athletes’ time, energy and performance on the playing field
- ★ Teach your players to honor the rules of the game at all times
- ★ Foster respect among your athletes for the judgment of referees and opposing teacher-coaches, and for the ability of opponents
- ★ Let a physician determine when an injured athlete to ready to play again
- ★ Stay informed about sound coaching principles and the physical, mental, and emotional development of young people
- ★ Enlist parents to help instill proper attitudes in your players
- ★ Routinely check your equipment and facilities. They should meet safety standards and be appropriate for the age and ability of your players

Parent/Guardian’s Code

- ★ Remember, young people play for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- ★ Don’t force an unwilling high school kid onto the field or court
- ★ Applaud good plays by opposing players as well as your own.
- ★ Set a good example. Young people learn best by imitation
- ★ Teach your child always to play by the rules
- ★ Show your child that hard work and an all-out effort can matter more than victory
- ★ Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game
- ★ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from high school sports
- ★ Do not publicly question referee’s judgment or integrity
- ★ Recognize the value of teach-coaches, referees and officials and give them clear signs of respect.

Spectator’s Code

- ★ Treat all players, teacher-coaches, referees and opposing fans as you would like to be treated
- ★ Respect all players, coaches, referees and opposing fans, and the integrity of the game
- ★ Model sportsmanship for your organization
- ★ Cheer your team, but don’t jeer the opponents
- ★ Cheer good plays by either team
- ★ Be a fan, not a fanatic!