

NJSIAA
SPORTSMANSHIP RULE/POLICY

HIGH STANDARDS OF COURTESY, FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP
MUST BE FEATURED AT ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS

While this rule is a general statement and one which may be difficult to reduce to objective standards in terms of enforcement, it is the heart of the entire Association program. Good sportsmanship, respect for rules, respect for others, and fair play, are basically the motives through which an interscholastic athletic program is justified and defended.

It shall be the responsibility of each member school to insure that all individuals employed by or directly associated with the athletic program, including its Student-Athletes, comport themselves in a sportsmanlike manner when representing their school, especially at interscholastic events.

Unsportsmanlike conduct shall subject the individual to disciplinary action. The member school with which the individual is associated may also be subject to disciplinary action if it is found that the member school's policies, actions, or failure to act, substantially contributed to the individual's conduct.

Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include but not be limited to the following:

A. Any person (athletic department, staff member, Student-Athlete or a fan or spectator associated with a member school) who strikes or physically abuses an official, opposing coach, player, or spectator.

B. Any person (athletic department, staff member, Student-Athlete or a fan or spectator associated with a member school) who intentionally incites participants or spectators to violent or abusive action.

C. Any person (athletic department, staff member, Student-Athlete or a fan or spectator associated with a member school) who uses obscene gestures or profane or unduly provocative language or actions towards officials, opponents, or spectators.

D. Any person (athletic department, staff member, Student-Athlete or a fan or spectator associated with a member school) who engages in harassing verbal or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion at an interscholastic event.

E. Any person (athletic department, staff member, Student-Athlete or a fan or spectator associated with a member school) or Any school or athletic staff member who is publicly critical of a game official, opponents and/or opposing coaches/players.

F. The administration of a member school will be responsible for the unsportsmanlike conduct of that school's fans or spectators.

CL 1 Schools are not permitted to conduct pre-meet/game activities of an intimidating nature, e.g., the use of fog machines, the blaring of sirens or loud music/unusual sound effects, strobe/unusual lighting effects, or similar type activities.

I have read the above policy as issued by the NJSIAA and agree to terms as listed. Furthermore, I agree to abide by the TCC and WHS Sportsmanship and athlete/fan code of conduct as outlined in the WHS parent/student athletic handbook.

Student/Athlete Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ PLEASE PRINT

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