

Intercollegiate athletics has as one of its goals the teaching of important values. Promoting good sportsmanship is one of our highest priorities.

Expected standards for all persons connected with high school sports include demonstrating at all times:

- ◆ *Honesty*
- ◆ *Fairness*
- ◆ *Consistency*
- ◆ *Supportiveness*
- ◆ *Positivity*
- ◆ *Empathy*

Observing these standards will go a long way towards ensuring the concept of good sportsmanship among athletes, coaches, parents and fans.

Parents and Fans

Spectators and their tremendous enthusiasm for sports are indicative of their vital responsibility to sportsmanship. Their habits and reactions determine the quality of sportsmanship, which reflects upon the reputation of the school that they are supporting.

What parents and fans can do:

- ◆ Realize that admission to observe a contest is a privilege and a demonstration of support of high school athletics. It is not a license to verbally assault and intimidate others.

- ◆ Respect the decision made by the officials.

- ◆ Be an exemplary role model by cheering in a positive and supportive manner.

- ◆ Respect the fans, cheerleaders, coaches and participants from opposing schools.

- ◆ Refrain from using artificial noise makers, drums or other musical instruments during any RHSAA indoor activity. The exception to this policy would be a school Prep Band under the direct supervision of a Teacher / Advisor.

Student Athletes

Athletes are admired and respected as role models. They exert a great deal of influence over the actions and behavior of spectators and, therefore, must behave in a sportsmanlike manner.

What Athletes can do:

- ◆ Accept the responsibility and privilege of representing your school community; display positive public action at all times.

- ◆ Respect the judgement of the officials, and display no behaviour that could include or negatively affect the fans.

- ◆ Treat opponents with respect.

- ◆ Cooperate with the officials, coaches and fellow participants.

- ◆ Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, being neither boastful nor bitter.

- ◆ Congratulate opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.