UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Raise-the-Bar: Sportsmanship Matters!

UHSAA Sportmanship Initiatives

1. T.E.A.M – Up to Promote the Positive
   • Schools share best practices to Teach, Enforce, Award and Model Good Sportsmanship.

2. “We Will” Sportsmanship Pledge
   • Student-Athletes and their parents/legal guardians sign Sportsmanship Pledge.
   • Teams, players & coaches participate in the “We Will” Sportsmanship Pledge by creating a “We Will” digital message (DVD, YouTube) for the student body to view.
   • Instructions for making a “We Will” DVD on the Sportsmanship page at uhsaa.org.
   • Post the “We Will” digital clips on the school website. Create “We Will” posters.
   • Prior to basketball games, captains from both teams read the “We Will” pledge.

3. Do Rowdy Right!
   • Cheer FOR Your Team, NOT against your opponent!
   • Do not tolerate cheers that humiliate, embarrass or degrade an individual or team.
   • Activities are an extension of school day - appropriate conduct is still required.
   • Post a “Code of Conduct” Policy in visible area so spectators know expectations.
   • Include UHSAA Raise-the-Bar Sportsmanship Announcements at home games.
   • Ejected players and coaches are required to complete online sportsmanship course.

4. School Sportmanship Banner Award Program, “Raise-the-Bar, Earn-a-Star”
   • All member schools display their UHSAA School Sportmanship Banner.
   • Complete the required criteria for the School Sportmanship Award.
   • Submit the online application by no later than June 2.
   • Yearly recipients receive a STAR to attach to their banner, an award certificate and major points towards the UIAAA Director’s Cup.
   • If you did not receive a star for last year, earn your first star this year. When you have earned a total of five stars your school will be honored as a FIVE STAR exemplary sportsmanship school.

5. DARE TO LEAD: Statewide Student Leadership Conference (Friday, June 23, 2014)
   • The UHSAA & UIAAA will join forces to hold the first statewide student leadership conference.
   • Principals select one boy and one girl to represent their school at the conference.
   • P4 Principles of Leadership: Potential, Power, Passion and Purpose.
   • Participate in a Bowl-A-Thon in behalf of Special Olympics Utah.
   • Students selected to attend have the opportunity to serve on the Youth Activation Committee.
   • Motivational speakers, meaningful activities, break-out sessions and bowl-a-thon.

6. UNIFIED SPORTS OPTION: Team-Up with Special Olympics Utah
   • Partner up with SOUT to provide schools an interscholastic Unified Sports opportunity.
   • In the spring of 2014, UHSAA will offer Unified Sports Soccer and Track & Field.

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