



BEST PRACTICES

TEAM-UP

Because it matters!



Ideas to TEACH	Ideas to ENFORCE
Parents/Players Orientations Tryout Checklist Players/Parents "Pledge Card" Expectations letters sent home Captains Lunches (Fall, Winter, Spring) Leadership Class Captains Conference Region Sportsmanship Summit Code of Ethics Posted Fan Expectation Card School & District Web Site School Newspaper & Channel One Sportsmanship messages, PSAs Captains read sportsmanship message Lessons for advisory class Faculty/Staff Professional Training NFHS On-Line Sportsmanship Course	Post Code of Ethics & Expectations Fan Expectation Cards Sportsmanship Statement in Programs Yellow Card & Red Card Program Administrator/AD present at all games AD works closely with officials & coaches Security arrangements made if necessary Talk with leaders of heckler groups Unruly fans warned and then ask to leave Parents called, 1 on 1 conferences Spirit Ambassadors School Reports given for Region Award
Ideas to AWARD	Ideas to MODEL
Newspaper column on deserving kids Promote the positive on website, papers Student of the Month Spirit of Sport Candidates Doing Great Things Bulletin Board Game Giveaways Essay, poster, slogan, media contests	Mentor program with elementary Invite honorary youth team to come free Captains lunch, being role models Create a positive plus cheer squad Talk about acceptance of 2 nd place trophy Have to get coaches & staff on board

Winning at the high school level should be a pleasant outcome to fulfilling the **TRUE PURPOSE** of sport in school...which is to serve the complete educational needs of those who choose to participate. The **PREEMINENT PURPOSE** of sports and activities is not to teach someone how to hit a three-pointer or to throw a curve ball but how to harness the discipline, desire and commitment that come from striving to achieve these goals and then channeling those traits into overcoming the challenges of everyday life.

-Robert F. Kanaby, NFHS Executive Director