



UHSAA Policy-**DO ROWDY RIGHT!**

Make SPORTSMANSHIP & POSITIVE SCHOOL SPIRIT a priority at your school.

Students need to understand the meaning and importance of sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is conducting oneself with respect and dignity. **Teach it, Enforce It, Award it and Model it (TEAM)!**

The TRUE PURPOSE of high school activity programs is to educate and inspire lifelong values. Extracurricular activities are an extension of the school day, providing unique and valuable opportunities for further enrichment, growth and personal development. Everyone is a winner if administrators, athletic directors, coaches, staff, players, students, parents, spectators and fans TEAM-up to support appropriate behavior at all of our high school activities. Derogatory and demeaning cheers or conduct are considered detrimental to the orderly and positive conduct of education-based interscholastic activities.

Post a “Code of Conduct” or “Sportsmanship Policy;” read a sportsmanship message prior to the contest; read Raise-the-Bar sportsmanship announcements; have supervision present to enforce the policy.

Acceptable Behavior

Clear expectations & proper supervision
Code of Conduct posted; Sportsmanship PSAs

Cheer FOR Your Team
Positive School Spirit = positive climate
Cheers that lift & inspire your players

Respect the game; respect the participants
Applaud during introductions

Show concern for injured players
Give a hand-up & not a put-down

Accept all decisions of the officials

Treat the contest as a game not a war
Recognizing this is a game

“Humble in Victory, Gracious in Defeat”
Regardless of outcome, shake hands
Be a good sport; it’s up to you!

Unacceptable Behavior

No supervision is present; a sportsmanship message is not read; no enforcement of “Do Rowdy Right” policy

Cheers directed AGAINST Your Opponent
Negative cheers = poor sportsmanship, negative climate
Cheers to humiliate or degrade an individual or team

Using profanity, displaying anger, being disrespectful
Yelling or chanting, turning backs during introductions

Taunting, walking off, laughing or name-calling

Booing, making derogatory yells, chants or gestures

Treating the opponent as the enemy
Blaming the loss on officials, coaches, players

Refusing to shake hands or recognized good performance
Boasting, in-your-face attitude