

# UHSAA Sportsmanship Announcements

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## Pre-Game UHSAA Sportsmanship Message

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to (home high school) for tonight's/today's athletic contest. We welcome our guests from (Visiting High School) and wish all players good luck in tonight's/today's game. Both schools are members of the Utah High School Activities Association and support the new statewide sportsmanship program **Raise-the-Bar**. Sportsmanship does matter and we ask for your support in demonstrating respect for the game and all the participants by refraining from negative cheers, chants or behavior. **Do Rowdy Right**.

## UHSAA Raise-the-Bar Sportsmanship Announcements

- 1) Since 1927, the Utah High School Activities Education has been the leadership organization for education-based interscholastic activities. Education-based activities are an extension of the school day and still require appropriate behavior. Join with the UHSAA to **Raise-the-Bar**. You can be a fan without being a fanatic. Simply put: Do Rowdy Right. Sportsmanship Matters.
- 2) **Raise-the-Bar** is the Utah High School Activities Association's new sportsmanship program which embraces the values personal responsibility, honesty, integrity, leadership, respect and teamwork. The participants deserve your respect. "Do Rowdy Right" by respecting the opponent with the dignity they've earned while positively supporting your team. Sportsmanship Matters!
- 3) The Utah High School Activities Association has created a statewide sportsmanship program, **Raise-the-Bar**, to promote positive and appropriate behavior at all high school events. Spectators and fans are encouraged to be passionate, enthusiastic and be supportive as long as it remains positive. Adhere to the UHSAA policy, "Do Rowdy Right," and cheer FOR your team, NOT against the competition. Let's Do Rowdy Right. Sportsmanship matters.
- 4) Every high school can become a winner when it comes to showing good sportsmanship. The Utah High School Activities Association has introduced the statewide **Raise-the-Bar** sportsmanship program which offers rewards to schools which show appropriate and ethical behavior at activities. To learn how you can help your school Raise The Bar go to [www.uhsaa.org](http://www.uhsaa.org) and click on the Raise-the-Bar symbol. **Sportsmanship matters please do your part!**
- 5) Good Sportsmanship is learned, practiced and executed. Respect for the opponent, spectators, coaches and officials are a must at all levels of athletics and activity programs. The Utah High School Activities Association urges you to **Raise-the-Bar** by displaying good sportsmanship at all high school activities.
- 6) Attendance at a high school sporting event is the best way to teach the meaning of sportsmanship. "**Do Rowdy Right**," set a good example by cheering FOR your team and NOT against your opponent. Your actions should demonstrate respect for the game and your opponent. A message from the Utah High School Activities Association.

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- 7) One of the goals of the Utah High School Activities Association **Raise-the-Bar** sportsmanship program is to develop initiatives that support the mission to teach, enforce, award and model appropriate and ethical behavior. TEAM-up with players and coaches to promote good sportsmanship. “Do Rowdy Right!”
  
- 8) Admission to a high school sporting event is a privilege which comes with the responsibility to conduct oneself in an appropriate manner. You can TEAM-Up with the UHSAA and Raise-the-Bar. Your actions should demonstrate respect for the game and the participants. Poor sportsmanship sets a losing example. At [uhsaa.org](http://uhsaa.org) you can learn more about the Raise-the-Bar sportsmanship program which embraces the positive life-lessons of high school activities.
  
- 9) The officials for tonight’s activity are registered and certified by the Utah High School Activities Association. Treat them with respect. An attitude of good sportsmanship should be upheld by all spectators, players and coaches. Help **Raise-the-Bar** by observing the rules of fair play. Take personal responsibility by refraining from derogatory or inflammatory remarks or cheers. Everyone wins when Sportsmanship Matters.
  
- 10) Join with the players and coaches to **Raise-the-Bar**, together we can take sportsmanship to a higher level by demonstrating respect for the game and all the participants.
  
- 11) Join with the players in making the **“We Will” Sportsmanship Pledge.**  
Together we can **Raise-the-Bar!**
  - **We Will...** play fair and play by the rules.
  - **We Will...** represent our school with integrity.
  - **We Will...** treat our opponents with dignity that they have earned.
  - **We Will...** respect the coaches and officials.
  - **We Will...** value our opportunity to compete.
  - **We Will...** thank those who support us.
  - **We Will...** always do our best to achieve what we can achieve Individually and more importantly—as a team.
  - And when the game is over **We Will** shake hands—win or lose. It’s the right thing to do.