

SPORTSMANSHIP

A. Philosophy

Activities are an important aspect of the total education process in schools throughout the country. They provide an arena for participants to grow, to excel, to understand, and to value the concepts of sportsmanship and teamwork. They are an opportunity for coaches and school staff to teach and model sportsmanship, to build school pride, and to increase student/community involvement. Activities are also an opportunity for the community to demonstrate its support for the participants and the school, and to model the concepts of sportsmanship for our youth as respected representatives of society. Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action!

B. General Regulations

Sportsmanship is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship policy items are listed below to clarify and assist in enforcement:

1. Fans are to remember they are an extension of the TLHS family and represent themselves, our players, and our school. They are to be Christian role models representing the Christ who is at the center of all school activities.
2. Be courteous to all participants, coaches, officials, staff, and fans.
3. Know the rules and abide by and respect the officials' decisions.
4. Win with character and lose with dignity.
5. Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
6. Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team, and school.
7. Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities.

C. Interpretations

The unacceptable behavior illustrations listed below are "examples" and are not to be considered all inclusive.

1. Fans reading newspapers, turning their backs, making disrespectful actions, etc. during the introduction of opponents.
2. Booing or heckling an official's decision; criticizing the merits of the officiating; displays of temper and arguing with an official's call; derogatory remarks toward the official.
3. Yells that antagonize your opponents, when you feel that you have won the game; refusing to shake hands or give recognition to winner or good performance. Blaming a loss on an official, coaches, player's performance, or other rationalizations.
4. Displays of anger, boasting, or use of profanity. Other yells or cheers that draw attention to you instead of to the contest.
5. Fans', players', coaches', administrators', or member schools' unwillingness to get involved and take a stand to defend one of the main tenets of school activities – teaching and promoting GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

Failure to abide by these regulations and will result in warnings and/or expulsion from extra-curricular activities.