

# Promotion of Positive Behavior: A Sportsmanship Plan for Northrop High School

## **Northrop High School Sportsmanship Program Goals**

1. No ejections by athletes, coaches, administrators, or fans
2. Show outstanding sportsmanship whether teams win or lose
3. Strive to always behave with excellence and integrity in and out of competition and before, during, and after events
4. Run all programs with class and honor
5. Support all athletes regardless of abilities or statistics

## **Responsibilities of the Coaches**

The actions of the coach have a great deal to do with how sportsmanship is valued by the members of the team. In order for good sportsmanship to become a reality, the coach should:

1. Always set a good example for members of the team and fans to follow by modeling good sportsmanship.
2. Instruct members of the team in regards to proper sportsmanship.
3. Respect the judgment and decisions of contest officials.
4. Display no behavior that could provoke fans.
5. Treat opposing coaches, participants, and fans with respect.
6. Shake hands with officials and opposing coaches in public to model appropriate sportsmanship.
7. Develop consequences for those who do not abide by Northrop's sportsmanship standards.
8. Follow the rules of the sport during the progress of the contest.
9. Avoid offensive gestures or language.
10. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
11. Avoid public criticism of game officials.
12. Teach sportsmanship and reward/acknowledge players that display good sportsmanship.
13. Provide instruction, training, and motivation without the use of abusive language.
14. Educate and sensitize themselves to cultural differences, gender equality, and disability concerns.

## **Additionally, Coaches will:**

- Meet with the Athletic Director prior to the season and discuss expectations of sportsmanship and running a program with integrity.
- Become acquainted thoroughly with the contest rules and be responsible for communicating those rules to team members. The spirit and letter of rules should be regarded as neutral agreements. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- Teach and model appropriate behavior at all times.
- Be a positive role model before, during, and after sports' events and seasons.

- Supervise players during pre-game, during game, and post-game.
- Discipline athletes that do not comply with the defined sportsmanship standards.
- Take responsibility for the behavior and actions of their team.
- Follow the suggested guidelines provided by the SAC, IHSAA and NFHS.

### **Responsibilities of the Student Athlete**

The responsibility of players with regards to sportsmanship is equally as important as the coach's. Because players are admired and respected, they can exert a great deal of influence over the actions and behaviors of spectators.

#### **Athletes will:**

1. Treat opponents with the respect they deserve as guests and fellow human beings.
2. Shake hands with opponents and wish them good luck before and congratulate them after the contest.
3. Exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions, and abiding by them.
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials. Never argue or make gestures indicating the dislike of a decision.
5. Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, being neither boastful nor bitter.
6. Congratulate opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS**

1. Remember that I am at a contest to support my team and to enjoy the skill and competition.
2. Never intimidate or ridicule the other team and/or its fans.
3. Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and that mistakes are sometimes made.
4. Praise student athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as we would praise a student working in the classroom.
5. Understand that the ticket of admission is a privilege to observe the contest and not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
6. Learn the rules of the game to understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
7. Show respect to the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups.
8. Respect the integrity and judgement of game officials.
9. Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before and during games and afterwards on or near the site of the event.
10. Use only cheers that support and uplift the team.
11. Not use profane language.
12. Recognize and compliment the efforts of school and conference administrators for their efforts in emphasizing the benefits of athletics and the rule of good sportsmanship.
13. Not interfere with or question the decisions made by school administrators in their attempts to control lack of sportsmanship and respect among spectators.
14. Understand that FWCS high schools reserve the right to remove any fan for improper behavior

**Northrop Athletics' Action Plan**

1. Northrop Athletic Director will meet with all coaches prior to the season and specifically lay out expectations about sportsmanship, respect, and class.
2. Northrop Athletic Director will hold athlete/team meetings and consistently discuss the messages of sportsmanship, respect, and integrity.
3. At parent meetings, the Coaches and Athletic Director will emphasize the importance of sportsmanship and provide parents with a contract acknowledging their acceptance of our expectation for appropriate behavior.
4. Northrop's website will have a statement of Sportsmanship Goals.
5. AD will ensure a pre-game announcement will be read regarding sportsmanship and appropriate behavior at various events.
6. AD, administration, or event management will have a handout ready to give to fans or parents that exhibit or display unsportsmanlike behavior at events.
7. AD, administration, and coaches will continue to support the SAC, NHSF, NAIA, and IHSAA Sportsmanship programs and attend the sportsmanship summit.
8. AD will ensure IHSAA Sportsmanship posters are posted throughout the school.
9. AD, coaches, and teams will select "team captains" to assist in the leadership and modeling of positive sportsmanship.
10. The student section will assign leadership roles to upperclassman who demonstrate positive sportsmanship and can be models at sports' events.

**Sportsmanship Evaluation Plan**

- Northrop's Athletic Director will conduct walkthroughs during practices and observations at contests.
- Develop a committee that will evaluate all ejections, which will consist of AD, Assistant Principal, coach, and security officer.
- All ejections that are defined below will result in adding a game to the existing IHSAA punishment:
  - Fighting
  - Violent Conduct
- All players and coaches have to meet with the AD and Principal after an ejection

**Sportsmanship Evaluation Plan Goal**

The goal is to eliminate ejections and unsportsmanlike behaviors.