

Dr. Phillips High School

Code of Ethics

Sportsmanship Expectations

I. School Administrators are expected to:

- Develop a program for teaching and promoting the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship within the school, the Metro Conference and the Florida High School Athletic Association. This program should stress that disrespectful behavior, especially taunting, trash talking and intimidation will not be tolerated.
- Provide appropriate supervisory personnel for each interscholastic event
- Support participants, coaches and fans who teach and display good sportsmanship
- Recognize exemplary behavior and actively discourage undesirable conduct by participants, coaches and fans
- Attend events whenever possible and function as a model of good sportsmanship

II. Each Coach is expected to:

- Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership adhering to strong ethical and integrity standards.
- Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete
- Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit
- Describe and define respectful and disrespectful behavior
- Stress that disrespectful behavior, especially taunting, trash talking and intimidation will not be tolerated
- Set a good example for players and spectators to follow
- Refrain from arguments in front of players and spectators
- Not use gestures which indicate an official or opposing coach does not know what he/she is doing or talking about
- Not throw objects
- Shake hands with the officials and the opposing coaches before and after the contest in full view of the public and demand the same of his/her players
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat in public and with the media
- Confine his/her remarks to game statistics and to the performance of his/her team
- Instruct participants and spectators in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the top priority
- Develop a program that rewards participants and spectators for displaying proper sportsmanship and enforces penalties on those who do not abide by sportsmanship standards
- Do not use profanity or obscene language or improper actions

III. Each Student-Athlete is expected to:

- Accept and understand the seriousness of his/her responsibility and the privilege of representing Dr. Phillips HS and this community
- Live up to the standards of sportsmanship established by the administration and coaching staff
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with parents, fans and fellow students. This will assist the student and others to achieve a better understanding and appreciation of the game
- Treat opponents the way the student would like to be treated...as a guest or a friend
- Refrain from taunting, trash talking and making any kind of derogatory remarks to opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial or sexual nature
- Refrain from intimidating behavior
- Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner following victory or defeat
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials
- Win with humility and lose with grace. Do both with dignity. Avoid excessive celebrating after a play or the end of a game

IV. Each Cheerleader is expected to:

- Understand the seriousness and responsibility of his/her role and the privilege of representing the school and the DP community
- Treat opposing cheerleaders way the student would like to be treated...as a guest or a friend
- Wish opposing cheerleaders good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner following victory or defeat
- Establish standards of desirable behavior for the squad and attempt in a cheerful manner to transfer that to the school's spectators
- Select positive cheers which praise DP without antagonizing the opponents
- Encourage a positive crowd alternative when booing or an inappropriate chant begins by starting a popular cheer
- Use discretion in selecting the time to cheer
- Give the opposing school the same amount of time DP squad would want in performing cheers and treat opposing players like our team is treated
- Give encouragement to injured players and recognition to outstanding performances for both teams
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials

V. Each Spectator is expected to:

- Remember that he/she is at a contest to support and yell for the team and enjoy the skill and competition...not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans
- Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and that mistakes are sometimes made
- Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom

- Remember that a ticket to a DP athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious
- Learn the rules of the game so that he/she may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place. Those who fail to show respect, violate rules or are disruptive will be asked to leave the sporting event or practice. Repeat offenders will be barred from further athletic events in that sport for the remainder of the year
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as one would treat a guest in his/her own home
- Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to the coaches or opponents during the game. Especially comments of ethnic, racial or sexual nature.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team
- Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc) before and during an event as well as afterwards on or near the site of the event (tailgating).
- Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved
- Recognize and compliment the efforts of school and league administrators in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the role of good sportsmanship
- Be a positive behavior role model through his/her own actions and by censuring those close by whose behavior is unbecoming

VI. The Public Address Announcer is expected to:

- Be impartial
- Use proper language at all times
- Be enthusiastic but calm
- Not “talk over the crowd”
- Not anticipate or second guess calls by the officials or criticize officials’ decisions directly or indirectly
- Be aware of the entire venue so that calm directions can be given in an emergency. Serious situations can be avoided if the announcer will caution the crowd against coming onto the playing surface or throwing objects
- Permit no one to use the microphone (especially coaches during the game) except those in charge of the event and /or by design of those in charge of the event
- Be responsible for whatever is said over the PA system
- Announce convenient routes for spectators to leave the venue and caution the crowd to drive safely on its way home
- Be aware that good sportsmanship is a very important part of interscholastic activities: reading a sportsmanship statement prior to the beginning of the event and at key times during breaks in the action
- Contribute to a positive, educational atmosphere