

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship is the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for our interscholastic athletic programs offered at Natrona County School District (NCSD). Everyone involved in all facets of the NCSD interscholastic athletic programs are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, even during the most difficult times.

It is important for our student athletes and adults to learn the values of good sportsmanship, by being humble, playing fair, showing respect and being gracious. These values are the cornerstones of a good sportsmanship culture. Living these values daily helps prevent negative or unsportsmanlike action toward officials, coaches, opponents and spectators, while decreasing the emphasis of winning at all costs! They promote living ethically in all walks of life. And lastly, they promote the attitude necessary for responsible behavior by student athletes and adults.

We invite you to take the Sportsmanship Pledge of making good sportsmanship an everyday walk in your life:

- To be a role model of good sportsmanship that is evident by your actions and your words
- To encourage everyone around you to take the Sportsmanship Pledge
- To be clear and firm about the good sportsmanship rules concerning your conduct and behavior while viewing or participating in an athletic contest

Acceptable Behavior	Unacceptable Behavior – But Not Limited To	Possible Consequences – But Not Limited To
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing respect for opposing players, coaches and fans • Respecting the officials’ decisions and encouraging all participants to do the same • Respecting and showing appreciation for all coaches; they are giving their time to provide activities for our young people • Encouraging athletes and coaches to play by the rules • Learning the rules of the sport so you are less likely to criticize officials or coaches • Supporting and cheering for your team and not against the opposing team • Keeping your perspective; it is just a game • Young people learn best by example, always show good sportsmanship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridiculing an athlete, coach, official or fan • Taunting or making derogatory remarks to opponents, officials or coaches • Yelling, booing, using negative chants or gestures • Blaming the loss of a game on officials, coaches or players • Using profanity or displaying anger • Going on to the playing field or court before, during or after a contest to criticize coaches, players or officials • Encouraging unfair play • Receiving a technical foul, yellow card or red card • Being ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct • Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the event site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented with a yellow card as a warning: possible immediate removal from the contest site, possible ban from future contests • Multiple unsportsmanlike infractions over any time period may lead to a lifetime ban from District wide activities • A flagrant infraction will receive maximum consequences • An infraction at the end of a school year will follow through to the next school year and additional consequences may apply according to the NCSD Code of Conduct • A buy-back program must be completed before attending another NCSD sponsored activity

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP PLEDGE

I acknowledge that I am a role model for good sportsmanship. I will show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, officials and support groups. I will participate in cheers and actions that encourage and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and that good sportsmanship is expected by our school, our team and the Natrona County School District. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent or guardian of a student athlete and with being a participant in any NCSD sponsored activity