

## **Acceptable Behavior**

- 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; not against the opposing team
- Keeping your perspective; it is just a game
- Young people learn best by example, always show good sportsmanship

## **Possible Consequences of Any Unacceptable Behavior**

- 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 Natrona County School District Code of Conduct
- A buy-back program must be completed before attending another NCSD sponsored activity

## **Unacceptable Behavior – But Not Limited To**

- 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

## 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/guardian of a student athlete and with being a participant in any NCS D sponsored activity.

### THE PARENT PLEDGE

As a parent, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for students. I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, officials and support groups. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and that good sportsmanship is expected by our school, our conference, and the NCS D. I hereby accept by responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parents of a student athlete.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sport \_\_\_\_\_

New Pledge     Renewal Pledge

You may publish my name along with other parents who support the Pledges.

Yes     No

Detach and return this signed portion to your Athletic Director or Athletics/Activities Facilitator

## Grievance Protocol for Addressing an Issue

There may come a time when you are attending an activity and you are not satisfied with what you see happening on the floor/court/field.

Should that time arise, below are some guidelines to follow to help resolve your issues:

- Your first step is to immediately locate or call or write a note to the Athletic Director or Middle Level Athletics Activities Facilitator and express your concern(s) to them.  
*Please do not approach any of the coaches, officials or players.*
- If you can't reach an agreement with this first step, then your next step is to make an appointment to visit with the Principal to discuss your concerns.
- If there is no resolve at this level, please refer to the NCS D Student/Parent Handbook for further direction.
- We ask your cooperation in following the guidelines so your concerns may be heard and resolved.

# A GUIDE TO GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

*To Assist Athletes,  
Coaches and Fans in  
Modeling Positive Sporting  
Behavior*

**NATRONA**  
COUNTY SCHOOLS