

XPRESS Behavior

1. Remember that young people play sports for THEIR enjoyment, not to entertain us.
2. Do not have unrealistic expectations and understand that doing one's best is as important as winning. Understand that ridiculing an athlete for making a mistake is not acceptable behavior.
3. Respect the official's decisions and encourage all participants to do the same.
4. Respect and show appreciation for the coaches and understand that they have given their time to provide sport activities for our young people.
5. Encourage athletes and coaches to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
6. Show respect for my team's opponents without them.
7. Do not use bad language and harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
8. Always show good sportsmanship since young people learn best by example.

Sportsmanship Pledge

Young people need to know that integrity, fairness and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics, and these are the principles of good sportsmanship. We need good sportsmanship

1. To prevent violent action towards officials, opponents and other spectators which are becoming commonplace in today's society and sports.
2. To decrease the emphasis on just winning and losing an athletic event.
3. To promote ethics, respect and integrity in all walks of life.
4. To learn the attitudes necessary for responsible behavior.

Those who pledge agree:

- To be a proper role model for our student athletes.
- To inform our students that we have taken the pledge and why.
- To be clear and firm about rules concerning our conduct and behavior while viewing and participating in an athletic contest.

The Parent Pledge

As a parent, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that softball is an extension of the classroom as well as home, offering learning experiences for our kids. 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 program, NSA, USSSA, as well as ASA. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a student-athlete.

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