

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

A primary goal of the district's activity program is to teach good sportsmanship to students. Good sportsmanship is the overt display of the concepts of fair play, respect for others, ethical behavior and personal integrity. Good sportsmanship is really good citizenship. The concepts associated with sportsmanship are to be taught, modeled, expected and reinforced in the classroom, on the playground, and in all activity programs within the district.

The Board of Directors encourages the district's administration and staff to persevere in teaching good sportsmanship behaviors and expecting participants and spectators alike to demonstrate good sportsmanship behaviors. The Board supports administrative attempts to reinforce good sportsmanship behaviors when they occur and to deal effectively and decisively with cases of unsportsmanlike conduct when they occur. This includes the removal from the event and/or temporary banishment from future events for a reasonable time of any spectator (student or adult) whose behavior significantly violates the concepts of good sportsmanship. Such temporary ban shall not exceed thirty (30) days without Board approval. The superintendent of schools shall notify in writing IGHSAU and IHSAA of the suspension.

In short, the Board expects and requires all individuals connected with this district, participant or spectator, to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the same standards of good sportsmanship that we are attempting to teach our students. The failure of any person to follow these standards should be handled by the administration taking the appropriate action subject to Board review in certain cases.

CROSS REFERENCE: 1003.070
LEGAL REFERENCE: Iowa Code §§ 279.8, 279.9, 282.4, 716.7, 716.8 (1989)
Henley v. Octorara Area School District, 701 F. Supp. 545
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