

# **SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **SRSD File: JJIF**

### **GUIDELINES FOR PROPER SPORTSMANSHIP**

#### **Statement of Policy:**

To promote sportsmanship and foster the development of good character, sports programs must be conducted in a manner that enhances the academic, emotional, social, physical and ethical development of student-athletes. Participation in athletic programs is a privilege, not a right. To earn that privilege, student-athletes and coaches must abide by the following rules of good sportsmanship:

#### **Coaches**

1. Shall abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
2. Shall respect the integrity and judgment of the officials/referees.
3. Set the tone of conduct for student-athletes, spectators, team members and the community.
4. Must visibly show that s/he values fair, honest rivalries, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results.
5. Shall take corrective action on any student-athlete who violates the code of conduct found within this policy.
6. Report or deal with any parent / spectator that demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct.

#### **Student-Athletes/Participants**

1. Maintain academic eligibility standards as determined by the Board, school administration, and the governing body of the sport / league.
2. Be respectful and courteous of opposing teams and officials
3. Refrain from disrespectfully addressing officials and opposing teams, antics to intimidate, taunting, fighting, or using profanity.
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions without question.
5. Be modest when successful and gracious in defeat.

Any student-athlete found to have violated this policy may be subject to appropriate discipline to be administered by either the coach or school administrators. Such discipline may range from temporary to permanent suspension of the student-athlete's participation on the athletic team. Disciplinary measures will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Spectators and Parents / Guardians:**

Players, parents, and coaches are expected to show a positive, respectful attitude for everyone involved in the sport. Criticism and disrespect for officials, opponents, coaches or fans undermine the purpose of sport and encourage behavior contrary to the spirit of the game and our mission. Sanborn will not tolerate conduct that is detrimental to the sport, the participants, or the community.

Spectators, parents and guardians are expected to:

1. Observe the contest and do not confront others
2. Remember that you are at the contest to support your team and enjoy the competition, not to intimidate or ridicule the other team, fans, or officials
3. Understand that interscholastic activities are an extension of the classroom and a learning experience
4. Learn the rules of the game so that you may appreciate the effort of the participants better
5. Avoid criticism of game officials and sideline coaching
6. Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators
7. Understand the purpose of educational athletics and that school sports are about kids learning and having fun; they are not about attempting to earn a college athletic scholarship
8. Be a positive role model through your own actions by remaining calm and composed during games.

**History:**

Effective: June 12, 2019