



— Sportsmanship in Athletics —
For Our Scholar Athletes

The Culture at Heritage Academy Campuses

Friends. Who doesn't like having a lot of friends? This is a great place where you can make great life-long friends who are also good influences.

We at Heritage Academy are one big family who support and respect each other. We are each other's biggest cheerleaders.

Athletics and Academics go hand-in-hand with each other. We feel that athletics are an important component to your overall success as a student and will help you to be a better, well-rounded person.

We want the best for everyone including others at sporting events. We show this by our examples and actions that we have something special and different at our school and that we always carry ourselves with class.

Supporting Others



Why Sportsmanship?



Why is Sportsmanship Important?



First-class sportsmanship all leads to the same goal of having clean, fun competition with the outcome of creating champions who excel both on and off the court or field.

Sportsmanship is found in every level of every sport. It is the common theme that unites not only you as a player but the entire team; and its' effects are felt long after the final whistle or horn blows.

Sportsmanship teaches you, the athlete the authentic meaning of your sport and enables you to conquer any goal you put your mind to.

In a nutshell, Good Sportsmanship develops you as a good citizen.

Sportsmanship Quotes

The great former Notre Dame football coach, Knute Rockne said, “One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it.”

Famous former Football coach, Vince Lombardi said, “Winning isn’t everything, it is only one thing.”

According to a study done by the Josephson Institute on High School athletes, “The values of young athletes are dramatically impacted by their sports experience.”

Who Should be Teaching Sportsmanship to Kids?

Teaching sportsmanship to the athletes is an important piece to what the coaches teach the scholar athletes. Coaches supplement what is taught by the parents. Your parents should have taught you good sportsmanship from an early age and should be continuing to teach you all the time.

As a junior high or high school athlete, you have the great opportunity to teach your teammates, younger siblings and others what good sportsmanship is and what it looks like.

Parents Should Teach Good Sportsmanship

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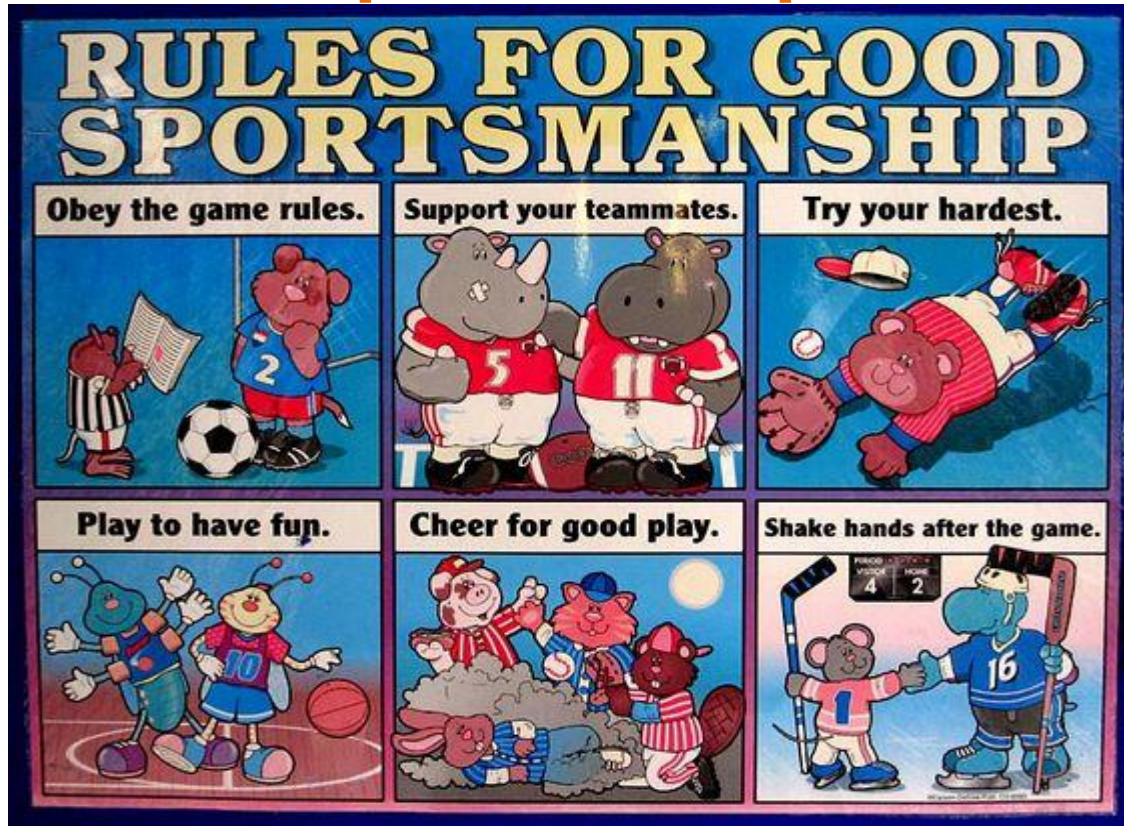
Why Your Parents should be Teaching YOU the Importance of Sportsmanship

Good Sportsmanship is one of the best life lessons that kids can learn from sports. Learning the X's and O's of a game is great, but learning how to interact and respect others is even more important.

Kids who learn Good Sportsmanship will benefit in many ways both in athletics and in every other aspect of their lives. The benefits of learning good sportsmanship at an early age is an invaluable skill for the rest of their lives.

They will learn how to respect and appreciate others (other adults like coaches, opposing team, and officials), their opponents, the game and most importantly themselves.

Rules for Good Sportsmanship



What you should be learning about Good Sportsmanship from your parents...

Being a Good Example is the most powerful way to teach your child about Good Sportsmanship.

Teach kids to practice proper etiquette and respect both in sports and in the other areas of their lives.

Kids who see adults behaving in a sportsmanlike way come to understand that the real life winners in sports are those who know how to persevere and to behave with dignity-whether they win or lose a game.

Learn Sportsmanship by Good Example



Ways to Show Good Sportsmanship

1-When it comes to the game officials, remember that they too are human just like us. We should treat them accordingly and not dehumanize them just because they have a whistle.

2-Do Not be THAT parent. You teach your child about good sportsmanship by your example. If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything.

3-Win with Dignity. Teach them to be humble in their victories and to always be gracious by shake the opponent's hands after a game.

4-Lose with Grace. Be humble about your defeat. Always congratulate the opposing team on their victory. Emphasize positive actions.

I Promise....Referees are Human Too



Was a high school teacher in New Jersey who taught Math before officiating full-time.

Officiated in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil and represented the USA for soccer officials.

The Referees are Still Human



Yes, they Will and Do make mistakes sometimes...so let's cut them some slack.

And they do have a Personality

You may even catch them smiling or laughing sometimes.



Ways to Show Good Sportsmanship...continued...

5-Respect the Game. Celebrate with respect for the game and the opponents. Don't be the "showboat" player.

6-Follow the Rules. Rules are put into place to keep the game fair for both teams. Be a good sport and understand that not every call will go your way.

7-Don't let your child win everytime. They will never learn how to lose or how to be a good sport if they never experience losing.

8-Encourage Strong Effort.

9-Remember.....It's Just a Game.

Encourage Great Effort from Your Teammates



°MY GRAMPA SAYS IF YOU DO YOUR BEST, JOEY,
NO MATTER WHAT THE SCORE...**YOU WIN!**"

Learning from Mistakes

