

Event Management

Here are a few suggestions to consider to improve the overall athletic experience.

- Have signs that clearly define the expectations of your school
- Properly educate and train your supervisors
- Implement a system to monitor entrance into your facility
- Address concerns before they become a problem

COACHES

- Be a good role model.
- Emphasize sportsmanship from the beginning.
- Talk about combining seriousness and playfulness.
- Communicate the importance of sportsmanship to fans.
- Know and teach the rules of the game.
- Don't forget to have fun.

STUDENT ATHLETES

- Abide by the rules of the game.
- Try to avoid arguments.
- Share in the responsibilities of the team.
- Always play fair.
- Respect the other team's effort.
- Offer encouragement to teammates.
- Accept the judgment calls of the game officials.

OFFICIALS

- NYSPHSAA requires officials to enforce all sportsmanship rules for athletes and coaches

PARENTS

- Get involved in promoting citizenship.
- Be intentional about citizenship-use teachable moments.
- Be a good role model.
- Set high expectations and limits.
- Reinforce positive behavior; address negative behavior.

SPECTATORS

- Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive!
- Be a FAN, not a fanatic
- Support local rules & regulations



PA Announcement
BE LOUD
BE PROUD
BE POSITIVE

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association supports and encourages spectators to enjoy the competition between our student-athletes and cheer for their teams in a positive manner. Negative comments and behavior will be addressed by the appropriate site personnel. Spectators should "Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive" toward all players, coaches, officials and spectators. Thank you for your support and enjoy the game.

1. Don't yell out instructions. During the game I'm trying to concentrate on what the coach says and working on what I've been practicing. It's easier for me to do my best if you save instructions and reminders for practice or just before the game.

2. Don't put down the officials. This embarrasses me and I sometimes wonder whether the official is going to be tougher on me because of my parents yell.

3. Don't yell at me in public. It will just make things worse because I'll be upset, embarrassed, or worried that you're going to yell at me the next time I do something "wrong".

4. Don't yell at the coach. When you yell about who gets to play what position, it just stirs things up and takes away from the fun.

5. Don't put down my teammates. Don't make put-down remarks about any of my teammates who make mistakes. It takes away from our team spirit.

6. Don't put down the other team. When you do this you're not giving us a very good example of sportsmanship so we get mixed messages about being "good sports".

7. Don't lose your cool. I love to see you excited about the game, but there's no reason to get so upset that you lose your temper! It's our game and all the attention is supposed to be on us.

8. Don't lecture me about mistakes after the game. Those rides home in the car after the game are not a good time for lectures about how I messed up. I already feel bad. We can talk later, but please stay calm, and don't forget to mention things I did well during the game!

9. Don't forget how to laugh and have fun. Sometimes it's hard for me to relax and have fun during the game when I look over and see you so tense and worried.

10. Don't forget that it's just a game! Odds are, I'm not going to make a career out of playing sports. I know I may get upset if we lose, but I also know that I'm usually

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