

**** BLUE HAWK SPORTSMANSHIP ****

As coaches and parents, it is important that we model and demonstrate behaviors that we are teaching our athletes. These behaviors include: showing respect for the opponent; showing respect for game officials and accepting their decisions; knowing and understanding the rules of competition; maintaining self-control; refraining from making disrespectful remarks or booing. We want our teams, coaches, and athletes to strive for competitive greatness and do so within the rules and with good sportsmanship. Positive support from Blue Hawk fans is a very important part of this and it is much appreciated. Inappropriate behavior cannot be tolerated. Please help demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times and encourage those around you to do the same.

POSITIVE IMPACT OF PARENTS AND FANS:

1. Attend as many activities as possible.
2. Be a model, not a critic. Model appropriate behavior, poise, and help instill confidence in your child, team and coaches.
3. Be a part of the program by attending pre-season meetings, team functions, and other school activities that show your support for your child and Thompson Falls High School.
4. Do everything possible to help be a part of making the best athletic experience for your child and the team that you possibly can.
5. Look upon the opponent as friends involved in the same experience.
6. After the game, give the coaches and player's time and space. Always work to keep things in perspective. Be a reflective listener and remember why your kids are playing the game.
7. View the game and program with the team goals in mind. Consistently support all the players, coaches, and officials.
8. Attempt to relieve competitive pressure, not increase it.
9. Encourage multi-sport participation. Be a multi-sport supporter.
10. Accept the judgment of the officials and coaches. Demonstrate respect and remain in control. Parents should not interact with a game official. Let the players play, the coaches' coach, and the officials officiate without any interference from the bleachers.
11. Accept the results of each game and do not make excuses.
12. Demonstrate winning with humility and losing with dignity.
13. Allow the coach to be the one to offer advice and correction. Maintain an encouraging voice. Trust the coach. Have an instructional voice only in a way that supports the overall team concept.
14. Focus on athletic effort and improvement instead of outcome.
15. Dignify mistakes made by athletes who are giving their best effort. (Support and understand the need and value there is in learning from mistakes.)
16. Be an encouragement. Encourage athletes to keep their perspective in both victory and defeat. This will instill confidence in all involved in Blue Hawk athletics. Confidence is a major key to success.
17. Model correct behavior before, during, and after the games. What adults do in moderation, young people feel free to do in excess.
18. Be a great listener.
19. Enjoy being a part of our school and community. Your role as parents and fans is a huge and important part of Blue Hawk Athletics.

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