

GDGA-R: Sportsmanship Regulations

Good sportsmanship is a primary goal of athletic programs in the Divide County School District. Both adults and students are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship during athletic events.

Students and their parents shall be informed of the district's expectations and parental cooperation will be sought in maintaining good sportsmanship. Coaches and other adult supervisors shall use appropriate disciplinary measures, such as loss of playing time and possible removal from the team, as a deterrent to poor sportsmanship. Student fans will be held to the same standard as players. In addition to the possibility of being barred from attendance at further events, misconduct at an extracurricular event will bear the same consequences as misconduct during school.

Suitable rewards and other positive incentives may also be used by coaches and adult leaders in order to encourage good sportsmanship among students. Rewards have to have prior approval of the administration.

Coaches and other adult leaders are also expected to exhibit good sportsmanship. Instances of failure to do so will result in disciplinary action such as oral and written reprimands; failure to correct negative behavior could result in possible suspension from extra-duty activities.

Fans and spectators are expected to show good sportsmanship. Failure to do so is cause for security personnel and administrators to suggest that they are not serving as a good role model for young people and if negative behavior persists or is particularly offensive, they will be asked to leave.

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