



## Sports Code for Fair Play

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#### Introduction

Good sportsmanship is viewed by the School District of Mystery Lake as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. Sportsmanship is defined as those qualities which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all athletic disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their role, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.

The School District of Mystery Lake has identified 6 target groups within the school community that are responsible for conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Following are expectations of these groups.

#### Coaches

- Act respectfully to the school system and rules
- Set an example for spectators and players
- Teach your players to have dignity and sportsmanship
- Keep up to date on new developments in your sport
- Maintain fair relationship with all players
- Inspire a love of the game and desire to compete
- Respect the decisions of officials; challenge respectfully
- Encourage your athletes to respect their playing environment
- Address inappropriate behaviour that your players exhibit
- Show concern and support for all injured players
- Shake hands with the opposition team, coach, and officials
- Complete [Respect in Sport](#) training

#### Players

- Treat teams, coaches, and referees with respect
- Don't judge the opposing players, and treat them equally
- Respect the official's decisions, and focus on the game
- Give opponents full credit after they win; don't boast after winning, and don't blame after losing
- Play hard and to the limit of your own capabilities

- Don't use profanity at any time before, during, or after the game
- Treat other school participants and property with respect
- Show concern and support for all injured players
- Shake hands with opposition team, coach, and officials

### **Parents and Fans**

- Maintain appropriate behaviour when cheering
- Show respect for officials, encourage fair and skillful play
- Demonstrate no threatening or violence
- Do not ridicule any of the players
- Never force your child to participate in sports
- Don't try to achieve your dreams by pressuring your child
- Support your child at practices and at games

### **Officials**

- Maintain good relations with players, coaches, and spectators
- Use the authority given to you respectfully
- Be aware of rules of the game and rule changes
- Maintain a calm attitude at all times
- Be alert and on top of the game
- Make the right decisions regardless of the opinions or actions of others
- Maintain a proper fitness level for the sport
- Match your officiating to a player's level of play
- Make decisions clear to both teams
- Remain neutral at all times
- Try to avoid officiating games where you may have bias

### **Principals**

- Develop initiatives to promote fair play in schools
- Ensure that there are sport activities for all players, regardless of sex, size, or skill level
- Provide supervision for interscholastic events
- Support players, coaches, and fans who play fair, and address issues where this is not the case
- Ensure that proper equipment and facilities are available
- Attend games when possible
- Consider establishing a 'sportsmanship' award

### **School Board**

- Adopt policies that promote fair play, such as this Code
- Support sport at a competitive level to increase the level of play at our schools
- Support initiatives that will increase participation in sports activities for all students
- Encourage schools to purchase fair trade equipment