

# White River School District Athletics

## Parent/Guardian Sportsmanship Expectations

Sportsmanship is representing our school with a positive attitude toward those around us; acting in a manner that is encouraging and supportive. This means supporting and respecting our team, the opponent's team and fans, coaches, and officials. Sportsmanship shows leadership, responsibility, and class.

The students and staff at the White River School District are constantly working to improve our sportsmanship. We believe that the foundation to establish a successful secondary school athletics/activities program is through good sportsmanship. We believe sportsmanship can be taught in our public schools. We hope you will help us in our ongoing effort to emphasize good sportsmanship.

As parents and adult fans of White River School District Athletics, you are an integral part of our "TEAM" and an important player in each contest. You, as a spectator, help to determine the nature of the contest. If you place too much attention on the outcome, it becomes more than just a game. Further, you are our partner in the teaching of good sportsmanship. We expect you to model good sportsmanship at all of our athletic events and to allow the professionals we have hired to do their job. Admission to an athletic event represents a privilege to observe, support and enjoy middle school and high school athletics.

Parents should not attempt to address coaches immediately after games and practices. Coaches have many post game/practice responsibilities, including supervision of players. Also, the post game/practice period is often emotionally charged, and not conducive to productive discussion. If a parent feels a need to communicate a concern, the parent should contact the coach at another time to arrange a later meeting.

Everyone cannot win every contest, but everyone can "BE A GOOD SPORT" in every game.

### Expected behavior:

- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting the team in every manner possible.
- Respect all participants, coaches, referees and fans.
- Recognize outstanding performances.
- Encourage surrounding spectators to display only good sportsmanlike conduct.

### Unacceptable Behavior:

- Disrespectful or derogatory language, yells, chants, songs, gestures or negative signage.
- Abusing officials in any way.
- Blaming the loss on a contest on officials, coaches or participants.
- Refusing to recognize good performances.
- Using profanity or displaying anger.
- Taunting opponents and other participants.

### Consequences

Any one displaying extremely poor sportsmanship could lead to immediate application of Step 3.

- Step 1: Someone from the school staff will approach you and ask for compliance with our sportsmanship standards.
- Step 2: A second incident of poor sportsmanship will cause you to be removed from the event.
- Step 3: If unacceptable behavior were to continue, you would be asked to leave and could be prohibited from attending any sports event for the remainder of that season and potentially that year.

We look forward to working together with you to provide your student athlete with a healthy, positive and encouraging experience.

I have read, and agree to follow the rules and guidelines contained in the White River School District Athletics Parent/Guardian Expectations.

Print Name:

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Signature:

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Name of Athlete:

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