

Sportsmanship Programs Conference Award Sample

Heart O' North Conference



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Matters**

The Conference shall purchase the original sportsmanship banner. Conference sportsmanship is a two-part plan. The lowest two schools in ratings, per the by-laws criteria, or those meeting the 1.330 average, shall be awarded the sportsmanship award beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. For each individual sport, the award will be a metal plate that can be placed on a plaque to be displayed by the school.

- A. Officials rate both schools at each contest for football, volleyball, boys & girls basketball, wrestling, baseball and softball for 3 categories:

Fans, Coaches and Player Sportsmanship using a 1-5 point system based on HON Officials/School Sportsmanship Rating Grid. Each official receives a post card and a copy of the Rating Grid at the contest site and returns it in the mail.

Sportsmanship for Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys & Girls Golf, Boys & Girls Track shall be determined using Section D below.

- B. Responses are totaled and averaged in each category, and then an average determined from the 3 categories.
- C. At the end of each season, a ballot will be sent to each school to rate each of the other schools in the same 3 areas officials rate during the year.
- D. The schools vote is cast by the athletic director only and should reflect the overall view of other people in the district.
- E. Final voting format (where officials response cards are included)
- F. Officials count 80 % (Multiply by 4)
- G. Schools count 20 % (multiply by 1)



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Heart O' North Officials/Schools Sportsmanship Rating Grid

Ratings by the officials are for the sportsmanship of players, coaches, and spectators. The ratings are on the following scale (1-5):

1. **OUTSTANDING**, all positive happenings.
 - A. Coach is teaching and encouraging of athletes and addresses officials in a respectful manner, complimentary of game-positive mannerisms.
 - B. Players encourage, motivate and praise teammates and treat officials and opposing team with positive sportsmanship.
 - C. Fans are involved in the game; comments are encouraging, and represent school, community and team with class and dignity.
2. **ABOVE AVERAGE**, desirable sports climate
 - A. Coach is respectful of officiating, opposing team, and own players. Question calls in appropriate manner and timeliness.
 - B. Players respectful of officiating, opposing team, own teammates/coaches.
 - C. Fans chanting respectful/clean cheers and showing positive school spirit.
3. **ACCEPTABLE**, mostly positive but not perfect.
 - A. Coach questions officiating but is understanding and respectful of calls. Demeanor does not incite players/spectators.
 - B. Player questions officiating only through captains, but is understanding and respectful of calls.
 - C. Fans disagree with officiating but keep chants clean avoiding use of foul language and negative connotations.
4. **NEEDS IMPROVEMENT**, some minor negatives.
 - A. Coach gets unsportsmanlike/technical penalty/foul, etc., uses inappropriate language and questions the integrity or judgement of official(s).
 - B. Player gets unsportsmanlike/technical penalty/foul, etc., and/or uses inappropriate language and/or questions the integrity or judgement of official(s).
 - C. Fan chanting using inappropriate language towards players, coaches, officials, and/or opposing fans.
5. **UNACCEPTABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**
 - A. Coach is removed from game and/or continues to use inappropriate language or mannerisms.
 - B. Player is removed from game and/or is out of control.
 - C. A fan is removed from the stands and asked to leave premises and/or challenges officials and/or administration.



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