

# Sportsmanship Programs Conference Award Sample



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## Southeastern Conference Team Sportsmanship Award

### Section 1. Introduction

Good sportsmanship is viewed by the WIAA and the SEC as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities, which are characterized by generosity and a genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their roles are expected to be aware of the influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.

The following expectations of coaches, athletes and fans will be judged at the conclusion of each season and a Team Sportsmanship winner will be named.

### Section 2. Expectations

#### A. For Coaches

1. Always set a good example for athletes and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
2. Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand they make sportsmanship the number one priority.
3. Respect the judgment of the officials. Abide by the rules of the game and display no behavior that could incite fans.
4. Treat opposing players, coaches, fans with respect. Shake hands with officials and coaches in public.
5. Develop and enforce penalties for participants who do not abide by sportsmanship standards

#### B. For Athletes

1. Treat opponents with respect; shake hands prior to and after games.
2. Respect the judgment of the officials. Abide by the rules of the game and display no behavior that could incite fans.



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3. Cooperate with officials, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
4. Accept seriously, the responsibility and privilege of representing school and community.
5. Live up to the high standards of sportsmanship established by the coach.

### **C. For Fans**

1. Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support high school activities; not a license to verbally assault others or be obnoxious.
2. Respect the judgment of the officials. Display no behavior that could incite others.
3. Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
4. Respect coaches, players, and other fans.
5. Body paint other than on the face is not allowed at SEC events (11-15-11)
6. Be a FAN.....not a FANATIC

## **Section 3. Team Sportsmanship Award Winner Selection**

The following criteria will be used to determine a post-season sportsmanship winner in all SEC sports. This award is based on total program offerings, i.e., freshman, JV, and varsity.

### **Process:**

1. Eliminate from voting eligibility, any school where a coach or player on any level received an ejection from a contest. Should a coach/school fail to notify and be awarded the plaque it will be given to the runner-up.
2. Schools will be nominated and a reason for the nomination offered.
3. Coaches may not vote for their own team.
4. Closed ballot.
5. A point system will be used to determine the winner. If there are three schools nominated the point system will be 3, 2, and 1. If two schools are nominated the point system will be 2 and 1, etc.
6. First place ties will be re-voted.



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## Section 4. Team Sportsmanship Award

1. The school receiving the most votes in each sport will receive a plaque.
2. The name of the first place school for each sport will be forwarded to the commissioner.
3. A traveling plaque will be awarded to the school accumulating the most team sportsmanship each school year. A nameplate with the winning school will be added to the award annually and paid for through the SEC budget. The traveling plaque will be housed at the winning school for the entire school year.



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