

Christian Athletic Conference Sportsmanship Expectations

The CAC and Good Shepherd Athletic Association is committed to sponsoring wholesome athletic competitive events for any students attending our educational programs. These programs: soccer, volleyball, and basketball provide an atmosphere that is reflective of true sportsmanship as well as athletic skills. The educational benefits of athletic involvement include the development of values such as respect, integrity, ethics and pride. These values are the cornerstone of good sportsmanship and through that, good citizenship.

Increasing instances of unsportsmanlike conduct, however, have been occurring more frequently and it is our belief that they need to be addressed. The purpose of this letter is to convey our beliefs on this matter. We would like for parents and their children read and sign this letter showing they are willing to make the commitment to set a high standard of behavior for all to follow. First and foremost is respect: respect for the players, official, coaches and other spectators attending an event. This is not optional, it is mandatory, This includes ANY type of taunting, derogatory remarks or profane language directed at anyone attending an event. Should this type of behavior occur, as a player you will be pulled from the game, as a spectator or coach, you will be asked to leave the event immediately and not return for the duration of the event. It must be stressed here that it cannot and will not be tolerated.

Secondly, if you as a player, coach or spectator have an issue with another player, coach, spectator, or official, the issue should not be handled on the playing field or in the stands. A grievance form should be filled out and filed with the GSAA. Any infraction of these rules will be dealt with by the GSAA board. Punishment will be in accordance with the incident, but will be a minimum one game suspension and a maximum of the guilty parties being asked not to return to the program.

Our goal is not to police these events, but to stress that our actions set the stage for our children's behavior in life. Children learn by example, and if our example is jumping onto the playing area and screaming at the officials, what message are we sending? Is this the example we want them to learn from us? Is winning at all cost a value we really want to pass on?

Involvement in athletics has been and can continue to be a lifelong benefit to our children. Your cooperation and support of our goals is greatly appreciated so that we can continue to provide the best program for all our children to enjoy and benefit from.

By signing this document you agree to abide by our guidelines an uphold these values throughout the sports season. Thanks for your support.

Parent/Guardian Signatures: _____

Student Signatures: _____
