

Sportsmanship Ballot

SCHOOL: _____ DATE: _____

SPORT: _____ BOYS: _____ GIRLS: _____

Please bring this ballot with you to the end of the season all-league meeting or tournament. If you are unable to attend these meetings, please email the necessary information to Assistant Commissioner Jan Smith Billing as soon as possible. Her email is: jcool@aol.com.

Your assistance and cooperation in making our Sportsmanship Awards Program a true evaluation of the great work that schools and coaches are doing in their athletic programs is appreciated.

You are being asked to vote for the schools that have exhibited positive sportsmanship. Please rate your top three schools in ranked order with "3" being the top team. The criteria for the award are listed below. **You may not vote for your own team.** This vote includes varsity teams only.

Best Team	3	_____
Second Best Team	2	_____
Third Best Team	1	_____

Comments on any of the teams are welcome. For example, the coach was a positive player on the team; players were courteous, friendly, played with integrity, etc., team needs to work on sportsmanship, etc.

Student athletes should:

- Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing the school and community. Develop a sense of dignity under all circumstances.
- Respect the rules of the game, the officials who administer the rules, and their decisions.
- Respect opponents and acknowledge them for striving to do their best while you seek to do your best at the same time.
- Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner with which you would like to be greeted following either victory or defeat.
- Refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, specifically taunting, trash talk, and other forms of intimidation.
- Win with humility; lose with grace. Do both with dignity.

Examples of positive sportsmanship:

- Not complaining to an official about his/her call;
- Helping an opponent up in a situation where the opponent takes a fall;
- Complimenting opponents on a good play;
- Shaking hands at the conclusion of a contest, win or lose;
- Refraining from all conduct that tends to degrade, intimidate, or otherwise discredit an opponent, officials, or interscholastic athletics
- Conducting oneself in a manner that demonstrates behavior consistent with the educational values of interscholastic athletics.