



Sportsmanship Policy

Sportsmanship: One who abides by the rules of a contest and accepts victory or defeat graciously; one whose behavior is characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others; an awareness of the impact of an individual's influence on others behavior.

The ideal of sportsmanship permeates virtually every aspect of our culture. The ethic of fair play may be witnessed in all facets of life. However, its origin has been firmly established in sports, as conceptually and pragmatically a training ground for good citizenship and high behavioral standards. Sportsmanship is placed at a high premium at UME Prep. It is viewed as a concrete measure of our commitment to the educational nature of interscholastic/intramural athletics.

Athletics and their companion, competition, is one of the last effective strongholds of discipline in our society. Athletics are called upon to absorb more of their responsibility for teaching basic social values. Any contribution of this magnitude requires the implementation and enforcement of a definitive program.

Guidelines for student athlete behavior

- Accept and understand the seriousness of responsibility, and privilege of representing your school and your community
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated, as a guest or friend. Who better than the athlete can understand all the hard work and team effort that is required of your sport!
- Wish opponents good luck before the contest and congratulate them in a sincere manner that you would like to be greeted following either victory or defeat.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of contest officials. The officials are doing their best to help promote your team and your sport. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment (which will happen often), will only make a positive impression of you and your team in the eyes of the officials and all people at the event.

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