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SAMPLE SPORTSMANSHIP PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Welcome to (name of school) for tonight's/today's game. We remind you that interscholastic events are an extension of the classroom, and that lessons are best learned when the proper respect is accorded to all. Please, let your good sportsmanship show throughout the contest.
2. Admission to an interscholastic event is a privilege, and with that privilege comes responsibility—responsibility to conduct oneself in a manner where the game is enjoyable for other fans and participants. Each individual is requested to take personal responsibility for keeping this game at a high level of good sportsmanship.
3. In our society, winning has come to mean everything. However, if winning comes at the expense of good sportsmanship, everyone loses. Nothing is gained in the long run. Good sportsmanship is the result of a disciplined effort to respect yourself, your opponents and contest officials. Remember, good sports are winners, so be a good sport and practice good sportsmanship.
4. The score of any athletic event is generally forgotten over time, but the actions of contestants, coaches and spectators are remembered. While attending a high school event, think of how history will remember you. Choose the side of good sportsmanship when at a game or event. Remember, good sports are all winners in the end.
5. An educational environment is critical to the success of high school athletics and activity programs. An important part of that environment is planning for good sportsmanship. Without good sportsmanship, the lessons learned lose their value. Remember the next time you attend an interscholastic contest that you are really inside a classroom where good sports receive the highest grade.
6. The dictionary defines good sportsmanship as playing fair and being a good winner or loser. We often forget that it's important to be gracious in victory. Good sportsmanship gives us a standard to follow at all times. Good sports act courteously and maintain self-control in all circumstances. Remember to be a fan and not a fanatic when watching interscholastic activities.
7. Coaches should set a good example for contestants and fans, always exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior. Participants should treat opponents with respect and shake hands prior to and after contests. Fans should be fans, not fanatics. Sportsmanship is vital to the success and further existence of interscholastic activity programs. Remember to be a good sport.
8. Where would the roots of good sportsmanship best be traced? It all starts with the simple word "respect." Respect for an opponent, spectators, coaches, and the game officials. Respect results in good sports. Remember to display good sportsmanship while you attend an athletic event.



NOTE: Announce after the National Anthem

The team, coaches, cheerleaders, student body and fans of _____ High School extend to you a big welcome! We are pleased that you could be here _____ as our guests. (Today / Tonight)

_____ High School and _____ High School are members of the Oregon School Activities Association and abide by the rules and regulation set forth by the association to maintain and improve high standards of conduct, competition and relations with member schools.

These are high school athletes who are performing here - they are friendly rivals as members of opposing teams - they are not enemies. This is the basic fundamental theme of interscholastic activities - the idea of friendly competition and respect for all participants.

This attitude of sportsmanship and respect should be reflected by all spectators, no matter what their personal feelings of loyalty may be to one or the other teams in this contest.

Thank you for being a model for good sportsmanship!