

IHSA Boys/Girls Soccer

Do What s Right!

Sportsmanship

Coaches and Participants:

1. Set a good example for spectators to follow.
2. Respect the integrity and judgement of game officials, and accept their decisions graciously.
3. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athletes and coaches.
4. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
5. Show respect for opponents before, during, and after contests.
6. Do What s Right! as you represent your team, school and community.

Spectators:

1. During the National Anthem, students, participants and fans should remove any hats, face the flag, not talk, place the right hand on the heart, and remain still until the end of the anthem.
2. During the National anthem, when singing, follow the music and lyrics precisely.
3. Show respect for opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
4. Respect the integrity and judgement of game officials and accept their decisions graciously.
5. Show respect for members of the coaching staff and team.
6. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
7. Recognize and show appreciation for outstanding plays by either team.
8. Use only cheers that are positive in support of their team.
9. Encourage coaches, players, and other fans to Do What s Right!

Acceptable Behavior...

Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
Players shaking hands with opponents while both sets of fans recognize player s performance with applause.
Accept all decisions of game officials.
Cheerleaders lead fans in positive support.
Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of contests, regardless of the outcome.
Treat competition as a game, not a war.
Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
Applause at the end of the contest for performance of all participants.
Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of team.
Encourage surrounding people to display only sportsmanlike conduct.

Unacceptable Behavior...

Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures.
Booing or heckling an official s decision.
Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official s call.
Yells that antagonize opponents.
Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
Blaming the loss of the game on officials, coaches or participants.
Laughing or name calling to distract an opponent.
Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.
Doing own yells instead of following the lead of cheerleaders.