

Iowa Unified Activities Federation Sample Sportsmanship Announcements

Specific Pre-game announcements

- 1) Good Sportsmanship is valued by the administration, teachers and students of “Name” Schools. We are pleased you chose to support your team today. Please do so by refraining from negative yells or comments directed at players, coaches, fans, and officials or other negative acts. We are pleased that you are here and

- 2) “Name” High School encourages positive sportsmanship and behavior at our activities. Please encourage players and coaches with positive comments and acts; and respect the decisions of the game officials. What you do and say during the contest reflects on your team, school and community. Enjoy the game by being a good sport.

- 3) The administration, staff and students of “Name” High School supports our state activities associations in making Good Sportsmanship a priority. Negative comments and acts directed toward players, coaches, fans, or officials do nothing positive in the development of these young people as future citizens. Be a Good Sport for your Students, School, and Community.

- 4) The administration, staff and students of “Name” High School reminds you that you are in a Good Sportsmanship Zone. No negative chants, yells, comments or acts directed at players, coaches, fans or officials are acceptable. Support your team positively and enjoy the game!

- 5) “Name” High School welcomes you to this event and urges you to practice Good Sportsmanship. By being positive about your team and coaches and respecting the decisions of officials you enhance the atmosphere of athletics. Thank you for your attendance and cooperation.

- 6) The administration of “Name” High School reminds everyone that tonight’s event is “the other half of education.” The coaches and players have agreed to a code of sportsmanship that reflects **fair play and mutual respect**. We expect the fans of both teams to follow that lead with your cheers and behavior. Have a great time and enjoy the game.

Other possible announcements

We welcome you tonight’s game. The students, staff and administration of “Name” High School urge you to support your team and respect your opponent - - - You Will Make Your Team Proud.

We congratulate the teams and coaches playing today. Your hard work and effort commands everyone's respect. This game provides each of us with an opportunity to demonstrate how much we appreciate that effort and dedication.

Fans, let's join together in Good Sportsmanship to make this a memorable event for these young people.

School sports are about kids learning to play and have fun. They have worked hard for their school and team. As a fan you can help them perform at their best by modeling positive behavior and encouraging all the players to be their best. This is their time. This is their place. This is their game.

Good Sportsmanship Starts With Respect . . . for yourself, your team, the opponent and the decisions of the officials. Thanks for being a Good Sport!

Great Fans are Enthusiastic for their Team and Sportsmanlike with their behavior toward their opponent and the decisions of the officials. The Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union asks your cooperation in making this game a memorable experience for these young athletes.

Pride for Teams is playing the game to the best of their abilities. Pride for Fans is practicing the principles of Good Sportsmanship

Don't confuse supporting your team with negative cheers directed to the opponent or booing the decisions of the officials. Those actions only cause your team and school to be seen in a negative light.

Pride – Respect – Fair Play governs what happens in competition. The same three qualities should govern the behavior of all fans.

Spectators are reminded to show respect for your school and your community while attending interscholastic events. Be positive in your actions at today/tonight's contest

We remind all fans that interscholastic events are extensions of the classroom. All lessons are best learned when the proper respect is accorded to all. Let your good sportsmanship show at all times.

Fans are reminded that admission to an interscholastic event is a privilege. With that privilege is the responsibility for fans to conduct themselves in a manner so today/tonight's contest is enjoyable for other fans and the participants.

Unruly behavior is always unacceptable in a classroom. Interscholastic events are an extension of that classroom. Remember to "be a good sport" while attending today's event.

Whether you're at home or on the road, make your school and your community proud by displaying good citizenship and positive sportsmanship at tonight's contest.

Parents, students, and fans – you're setting an example with your presence at today/tonight's contest. In the spirit of good citizenship, always display positive sportsmanship at interscholastic activities.

Sample Parting Announcement

Thank you for your support of students tonight with your attendance and Good Sportsmanship. As you return home, please exercise that same Good Judgment and drive safely so you can support your school in the future.

Fans we have appreciated your support and enthusiasm for your team this evening and being our guest. Please use your best judgment as you return home. Have a safe journey and Good Evening.