

Plumstead Christian School

ATHLETIC EXPECTATIONS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

**To develop measures of understanding and commitment to
FAIR PLAY, ETHICAL BEHAVIOR AND INTEGRITY pertaining to
Administrators/Coaches/Student
Athletes/Students/Spectators/Officials**

CODE OF CONDUCT

In the interest of continued good relationships in the field of athletics, all spectators are asked to:

1. Show their respect for their country by standing attentively and remove hats when the American flag passes and during the playing and singing of the National Anthem.
2. Show their respect by standing for the Alma Maters of schools.
3. Conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times, showing respect for visiting players and injured athletes, by not booing participants on the playing area and by respecting property.
4. Show respect for the game officials and refrain from booing their decisions or interfering with their control of the contest.
5. Recognize that vulgarity and indecent gestures are unacceptable.
6. Cheer under the organized guidance of the cheerleaders. Cheers to interfere with the opponent's cheering are unacceptable.
7. Recognize that noisemakers and signs in any gymnasium or at any indoor contest are unacceptable.
8. Recognize that littering premises, throwing of confetti or paper and tossing objects onto the playing area are unacceptable.
9. Support musical groups for indoor activities. Musical groups must be organized and supervised to play only before games and during half time.
10. Food and beverage to be in designated areas. The gymnasium is not an acceptable area for consumption of food and beverages.
11. Follow the code of conduct for promoting good sportsmanship, adult and students alike.

Plumstead Christian School reserves the right to eject any spectators whose conduct is detrimental to good sportsmanship. Misbehavior at sporting events may lead to prosecution or school disciplinary action.

Who is Responsible?

Plumstead Christian School has identified four target groups within the high school community that are responsible for conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Following are the expectations of these groups.

Expectations of Student Participants

- Treat opponents with respect: shake hands prior to and after contests.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the contest and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- Cooperate with officials, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
- Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing school and community: display positive public action at all times.
- Live up to high standards of sportsmanship established by coach.

Expectations of Coaches

- Always set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the No. 1 priority.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the event and display no behavior that could excite fans.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect. Shake hands with officials, opposing coach in public.
- Develop and enforce penalties for participants who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

Expectations of Parents **And Other Fans**

- Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support high school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Respect decisions made by the coaching staff.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
- BE A FAN.....NOT A FANATIC

Expectations of **School Administrators**

- Support participants, coaches and fans that teach and display good sportsmanship.
- Recognize exemplary behavior and actively discourage undesirable conduct by participants, coaches and fans.
- Attend events whenever possible.

Expectations of Officials

- Accept role in an unassuming manner. Showboating and over-officiating are not acceptable.
- Maintain confidence and poise, controlling contest from start to finish.
- Know rules thoroughly and abide by established Code of Ethics.
- Publicly shake hands with coaches of both teams before contest.
- Never exhibit emotions or argue with participants and coaches when enforcing rules.

Ejection From An Athletic Contest

A coach, student athlete, or fan removed from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct (this includes pre or post game unsportsmanlike conduct) will receive a mandatory minimum one game suspension. The suspension will be for the next game. This rule is to be in effect for LEAGUE, NON-LEAGUE AND POST SEASON PLAY.

Acceptable Behavior

- Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Players shaking hands with opponent who fouls out while both sets of fans recognize player's performance with applause.
- Accept all decisions of officials.
- Cheerleaders lead fans to positive school yells in positive manner.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches at end of contest, regardless of 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 end of contest for performances of all participants.
- Everyone showing concern for injured player, regardless of team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display only sportsmanlike conduct.

Unacceptable Behavior

- Yelling or waving arms during opponent's free-throw attempt.
- 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 loss of 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 lead of cheerleaders.

Examples of a Good Sport

- Exhibits spirit of benevolence and genuine concern for the opponent.
- Accepts results gracefully and acts fairly and courteous at all times.
- Maintains self-control in all circumstances.

Signed Commitment

Plumstead Christian School promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or sexist comments or other intimidating actions at officials, student-athletes or team representatives will not be tolerated. Individuals making such remarks may be removed from the site of competition. By signing below, I acknowledge and support the Athletic Statement of Purpose. All parents of the household and athlete are required to sign and return this form to the Athletic Office.

(Parent signature)

(Parent Signature)

(student athlete signature)

(coaches signature)

Date _____