

# **CVLC SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES**

The Chippewa Valley Lutheran Conference, through the vehicle of sport and competition, provides student athletes with an opportunity to practice Christian attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout the conference. CVLC activities should be examples of Christian sportsmanship. While representing the CVLC, we are representing our Lord Jesus Christ. Showing good attitudes and sportsmanship are vital to our Christian testimony.

The following is a list of expectations demanded of CVLC coaches, student athletes and spectators:

## **COACHES**

- Coach in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values.
- Set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Respect the judgment of officials. If you don't understand a call, ask politely. Accept the official's decision. Don't incite fans by behaving improperly.
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand they display good sportsmanship.
- Reinforce respect and good sportsmanship in practice and game situations.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect.
- Refrain from using abusive or obscene language in practice or at games.
- Search out individual opponents after the game to congratulate them, point out a great performance.

## **PLAYERS**

- Play in a positive manner, reflecting Christian values.
- Be humble. Do not bait or taunt opponents.
- Play hard within the rules of the game.
- Respect the judgment of officials and abide by the rules of the contest.
- Win with humility, lose graciously, and congratulate opposing players and coaches.
- Remain positive toward your coaches and teammates.
- Treat opponents with respect; shake hands after contests.
- Inappropriate language towards opponents, officials, coaches or fans will not be tolerated.
- Respect the property and facilities of all schools. When not under direct supervision of a coach, you must be with your parents/legal guardians. You are not to be roaming school facilities or going into areas not designated for teams.

## **SPECTATORS**

- Treat officials and opposing players, coaches, and fans with respect and courtesy.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches or officials. Do not coach from the stands.
- Remember that the players are children and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Applaud the introduction of opponent's team members and coaches.
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, parents of the opposing team, officials or league administrators.
- Respect the facilities and property of all schools.