



Mapleton City Recreation

Coaches,

Please remember the purpose of Mapleton City Recreation is to allow our children to practice and learn as well as to have fun and learn good sportsmanship along the way. Even though games are exciting & sometimes tension packed, please remember to set a good example for our children & help teach them good sportsmanship. Please pass the following information along to your team, parents, and fans. The simple act of good sportsmanship will make the games more enjoyable for everyone involved.

What is Good Sportsmanship?

1. To appreciate the rules and purposes of any sport.
2. To show respect for the officials. Good sportsmanship implies the willingness to accept & abide by the decisions of the officials. * PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THEY ARE HUMAN AND WILL MAKE MISTAKES.
3. To show respect for the opponent at all times.
4. To recognize and appreciate the skill of a good performance regardless of the team affiliation.
5. To maintain self-control at all times. Good sportsmanship is a responsibility for all who are involved in the game.
6. To show a positive attitude in cheering, **refraining from intimidation or negative cheering. Good sportsmanship is a positive effort.**

COACHES should...

- 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 and ethics the No. 1 priority.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the event and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- Treat opposing coaches, directors, 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.

PLAYERS should...

- Treat teammates with respect. If a teammate makes a mistake, encourage, don't criticize. Offer encouragement to your teammates.
- Treat opponents with respect: clap for the opposing team during pre-game announcements, help opponents up who may fall or get knocked down during the game, participate in opposing team greeting at the end of the game, etc.
- Respect judgment of contest officials & cooperate with officials, coaches or directors and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
- Abide by rules of the contest.
- Display no behavior that could incite fans.
- Avoid arguments.
- Share in the responsibilities of the team.
- Give everyone a chance to play according to the rules.
- Always play fair.
- Follow directions of the coach.
- Respect the other team's effort.
- Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing the community & display positive public action at all times.
- Win without gloating (don't rub it in) and Lose without complaining (don't make excuses).
- If you make a mistake don't pout or make excuses. Learn from it, and be ready to continue to play.
- Live up to high standard of sportsmanship established by coach or director.

Parents/Fans should...

- Realize that it is a privilege to observe a contest & recreation activities, not a license to verbally assault others or to be generally obnoxious.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible.
- Respect fans, coaches, directors, and participants.
- BE A FAN ... NOT A FANATIC.