

SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

In promoting a Christian testimony in athletic competition, we want to bring glory to God through encouraging our teams to prepare and to perform to the best of the ability the Lord has given them.

Sportsmanship to the Christian should go beyond the view of the world. He should demonstrate Christ-likeness and Christian sportsmanship.

Our respective schools, their players, their coaches, and their spectators need to remember that their opponents are not their enemies, they are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our testimony for the Lord becomes all the more important when our opponents are not Christians.

In the interest of good sportsmanship and positive Christian testimony, we ask each of our schools to convey to their school's students, fans, parents, coaches, and players the following:

- Show proper respect to the players on both teams. Remember that each one of them is someone's son or daughter.
- Treat the visiting crowd the way you would like to be treated when visiting their facility
- Demonstrate respect for the officials and their position of authority. They are no different than you or I. They are trying to do their job to the best of their ability.
- Be respectful and thoughtful to other schools by evaluating your cheers and music used before, during and after the contest.
- We need to strive to build good relationships between our schools. Remember it is only a game. The sun will still come up in the morning and the Son is still King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Some examples of the sportsmanship that is expected follows:

- Cheers geared to the positive.
- Cultivating a friendly atmosphere as teams begin to warm up.
- Deal with fans who lack self-control, before, during and after the scheduled game.
- Avoid using hurtful or degrading posters.
- Be considerate in the music you use for pre-game warm up.
- Abusive or foul language and taunting is unacceptable.
- Encourage a Christ-like post game atmosphere, win or lose.

I have read and understand the FRCAA Sportsmanship Statement:

Athlete Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

I will participate in the following sport(s) for 2009-10 _____

_____ Grade _____ Age _____