



Fall 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches of our member schools in the NJAC believe that sportsmanship is paramount when measuring the value of our athletic programs and the success of our student/athletes. Creating a positive experience that exemplifies good sportsmanship is the responsibility of the students, coaches, administration, and all spectators who attend each contest.

We, as a conference, have a designated sportsmanship committee comprised of Principals and Athletic Directors charged with creating appropriate guidelines for the conduct of our member schools and their spectators. It is important that our student/athletes understand that they are held to the same standard as their opponents, and that they should compete fairly and honestly in all contests. In that same vein, our spectators should conduct themselves in a manner that is supportive of the student/athlete and allows the game to be played by the young men and women in uniform. In short, we believe that “players should play, coaches should coach, officials should officiate, and spectators should enjoy the game.”

Regardless of which school you represent or support, we strongly encourage all parents to remember that the purpose of interscholastic athletics is for the student/athlete to gain a positive experience through athletics and to assist in developing good citizens. The focus of the parents should always be on supporting the athlete’s efforts before, during, and after a contest; the creation of a positive environment is directly related to the athlete’s experience.

Thank you in advance for the part you play each day as a supporter of our high school student/athletes.

Sincerely,

Darren Groh  
President, BOG

Sean Dowling  
President, AD

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