

## **Xenia Community Schools, Board of Education Policy on Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity in Extracurricular Activities**

We believe that all people can learn; therefore we will challenge all students to excel. We will provide opportunities for obtaining knowledge, attitudes, experience and skills that enable our students to be individually prepared to assume a position of responsibility in society. We believe that promoting sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity in extracurricular activities should be part of that challenge to excel.

Promoting sportsmanship includes for our athletes, administrators, and coaches:

- a. Treating opponents and officials with the respect that is due them as guests and fellow human beings.
- b. Shaking hands with opponents.
- c. Taking victory and defeat without due emotionalism, i.e. gloating, or demonstrating disappointment.
- d. Controlling of tempers at all times on and off the playing field.
- e. Being positive with officials, without criticism for officials or coaches after the game.
- f. Cooperating with the coaches and fellow players in trying to promote good sportsmanship.
- g. Being positive with opponents, refraining from swearing or making insulting remarks to their opponents before, during, or after the contest.
- h. Letting student audiences know that inappropriate behavior reflects poorly on the team.

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