Sportsmanship Programs
Conference Award Sample

Heart O’ North Conference

The Conference shall purchase the original sportsmanship banner. Conference sportsmanship is a two-part plan. The lowest two schools in ratings, per the by-laws criteria, or those meeting the 1.330 average, shall be awarded the sportsmanship award beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. For each individual sport, the award will be a metal plate that can be placed on a plaque to be displayed by the school.

A. Officials rate both schools at each contest for football, volleyball, boys & girls basketball, wrestling, baseball and softball for 3 categories:

   Fans, Coaches and Player Sportsmanship using a 1-5 point system based on HON Officials/School Sportsmanship Rating Grid. Each official receives a post card and a copy of the Rating Grid at the contest site and returns it in the mail.

   Sportsmanship for Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys & Girls Golf, Boys & Girls Track shall be determined using Section D below.

B. Responses are totaled and averaged in each category, and then an average determined from the 3 categories.

C. At the end of each season, a ballot will be sent to each school to rate each of the other schools in the same 3 areas officials rate during the year.

D. The schools vote is cast by the athletic director only and should reflect the overall view of other people in the district.

E. Final voting format (where officials response cards are included)

F. Officials count 80 % (Multiply by 4)

G. Schools count 20 % (multiply by 1)
Heart O’ North Officials/Schools Sportmanship Rating Grid

Ratings by the officials are for the sportsmanship of players, coaches, and spectators. The ratings are on the following scale (1-5):

1. OUTSTANDING, all positive happenings.
   A. Coach is teaching and encouraging of athletes and addresses officials in a respectful manner, complimentary of game-positive mannerisms.
   B. Players encourage, motivate and praise teammates and treat officials and opposing team with positive sportsmanship.
   C. Fans are involved in the game; comments are encouraging, and represent school, community and team with class and dignity.

2. ABOVE AVERAGE, desirable sports climate
   A. Coach is respectful of officiating, opposing team, and own players. Question calls in appropriate manner and timeliness.
   B. Players respectful of officiating, opposing team, own teammates/coaches.
   C. Fans chanting respectful/clean cheers and showing positive school spirit.

3. ACCEPTABLE, mostly positive but not perfect.
   A. Coach questions officiating but is understanding and respectful of calls. Demeanor does not incite players/spectators.
   B. Player questions officiating only through captains, but is understanding and respectful of calls.
   C. Fans disagree with officiating but keep chants clean avoiding use of foul language and negative connotations.

4. NEEDS IMPROVEMENT, some minor negatives.
   A. Coach gets unsportsmanlike/technical penalty/foul, etc., uses inappropriate language and questions the integrity or judgement of official(s).
   B. Player gets unsportsmanlike/technical penalty/foul, etc., and/or uses inappropriate language and/or questions the integrity or judgement of official(s).
   C. Fan chanting using inappropriate language towards players, coaches, officials, and/or opposing fans.

5. UNACCEPTABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
   A. Coach is removed from game and/or continues to use inappropriate language or mannerisms.
   B. Player is removed from game and/or is out of control.
   C. A fan is removed from the stands and asked to leave premises and/or challenges officials and/or administration.