

CCS Sportsmanship

Parents & Fans: Games are upon us for our high school teams. As we prepare to cheer our kids through the season and hopefully on to Baker City I want to address the topic of OUR SPORTSMANSHIP. In my opinion, we have one of the best, if not THE BEST, fan support in the State at the 1A level. Our fan support of our kids is outstanding...we travel well, we are passionate about the sport we are in, and we love watching our kids perform at a high level.

Fan support is different than sportsmanship...as a Private Christian School we must remember that our enthusiasm and support of our kids must remain positive and within the guidelines of our sportsmanship policy. Over the past few years, we have gained a reputation of poor sportsmanship. I'm asking that you please review our sportsmanship policy below and join me in changing our culture to a more positive environment.

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AS FANS: The impression visitors will take away from our school, or the impression developed on the road depends upon the spectators and our student body. Students and parents, have very definite responsibilities as representatives of our school. To become better ambassadors for Country Christian we will strive to perform in the following manner:

True sportsmen:

1. Exercise self-control
2. **Recognize and support the efforts of coaches, officials, athletic director and school administrators.**
3. Make the visiting team and officials feel at home and wish to return.
4. Conduct ourselves in such a manner that visitors will feel as though they have been treated fairly or dealt with in a sportsman-like way. We are to regard our opponents as those who are helping us to achieve a higher degree of proficiency and excellence. We must keep in mind a game is being played and the final score does not determine the better team in any ultimate sense. In this regard, we play with, not against, the other team. The other team is a competitor or contestant, not the enemy or assailant.
5. **Treat officials with courtesy and respect.** The officials assigned here give their time to help school athletics. It is true that they receive a fee for their services, but people of their character will not subject themselves to ill treatment for the sake of a fee. Respect their opinion and judgment and recognize they have a difficult job to perform.
6. Recognize that visiting teams have been well coached and have practiced hard, and their success is not "luck" or a "gift" from the officials. Please acknowledge their ability and give credit where credit is due.
7. **ALL FANS should direct their attention at encouraging their team, rather than verbally assaulting coaches, players, or officials.**

8. **ALL FANS SHOULD REMEMBER** that they represent our school as well when communicating in open public communications on the “World Wide Web”.

REMEMBER:

Our actions constitute a testimony for ourselves, our school, and for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Make it POSITIVE!

Should the need arise, the athletic department will begin taking the following actions with fans as needed:

1. **A warning and reminder to be positive and show good sportsmanship.**
2. **A second discussion within the same game and the Athletic Department will ask you to leave the gym for the remainder of that game.**
3. **If steps 1 and 2 are repeated at a second contest (home or away), the fan will be banned from attending another game pending review by the athletic department.**
4. **If step 3 is repeated, the fan will be banned from the attending Country Christian games (both home and away) pending school board review.**
5. **If the athletic department gives a step 1 warning in 3 games, no additional warnings will be given, the fan will move straight to step 3.**

There is a designated onsite individual in charge of all home games. If you have any concerns during the game, or wish to report a fan that is not showing good sportsmanship, please bring it to the attention of the individual in charge for handling.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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