



ROULHAC MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Mission Statement

Roulhac Middle School is committed to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity— all critical elements of good sportsmanship. The values of good sportsmanship and high behavioral standards apply equally to all school activities, participants, and spectators. Roulhac Middle School recognizes that athletics are part of the educational experience and that the benefits go beyond the final score of the event.

Examples of a Good Sport

- Exhibit genuine consideration for the opponent.
- Accept results gracefully and be courteous toward opponents and spectators at all times.
- Maintain self-control in all circumstances.
- Refuse to cheer/jeer at an opponent's failure.
- Help up a fallen opponent.
- Pat an opponent on the back in a gesture of play" or "way to go."
- Hand a ball or retrieve a ball for the official in a courteous manner.
- Refuse to be drawn into any physical conflict.

Expectations for Coaches

- Set a good example for participants and spectators to follow.
- Exemplify the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the number one priority.
- Respect the judgment of contest officials, abide by the rules and do not display behavior that could incite spectators.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and spectators with respect before and after the contest.
- Develop and enforce penalties for participants who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

Expectations for Student Athletes

- Treat opponents with respect.
- Shake hands prior to and after the contest.
- Respect the judgment of contest officials.
- Abide by all the rules and do not display behavior that could incite spectators.
- Cooperate with officials and fellow participants.
- Accept the responsibility and the privilege of representing the school and community. Display positive behavior at all times.
- Live up to the standards of sportsmanship established by the coach and school.

Expectations for Students, Parents, and Other - Spectators

- Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support an activity. It is not a license to verbally assault others.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of contest officials.
- Learn the rules of the game so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Be an exemplary role model by supporting teams in a positive manner.
- Participate in positive cheers and refrain from those that take away from the spirit of the contest.
- Do not applaud errors by opponents or penalties inflicted upon them.
- Respect coaches, participants and other spectators.
- BE A FAN - NOT A FANATIC.

Expectations for Cheerleaders

- Encourage the desired crowd response. Use only positive cheers, signs, and praise. Do not antagonize or demean opponents.
- Treat opposing spirit groups and spectators with respect.
- Recognize outstanding performances on either side of the playing surface.
- Know the rules and strategies of the contest in order to cheer at proper times.
- Maintain enthusiasm and composure.
- Serve as a role model.

Acceptable Behavior

- Applaud during the introduction of players, coaches, and officials.
- Graciously accept all decisions of the officials.
- Shake hands with participants and coaches at the end of a contest.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Applaud at the end of the contest for performances of all participants.
- Show concern for injured players, regardless of the team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display good sportsmanship.

Unacceptable Behavior

- Yelling or waving arms during an opponent's free throw attempts, serve or the like.
- Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs, or gestures.
- Criticizing officials in any way.
- Cheers that would antagonize opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands.
- Directing comments at opponents to distract and upset them.
- Using profanity or displaying anger that draws attention away from the contest.
- Throwing objects onto the playing surface or at an opponent.
- Entering the playing surface at any time.
- Not complying with the directives of any school official.