

Administration

- Set the standard and be the leader for the sportsmanship movement.
- Develop a program for teaching and promoting good sportsmanship.
- Make sure parents and spectators understand the sportsmanship expectations.
- Provide appropriate supervision for each activity event.
- Recognize exemplary behavior in your school and actively discourage undesirable conduct.

Coaches

- Always set a good example for your players and fans to follow.
- Discuss what good sportsmanship is with your team and how it should be practiced.
- Treat opposing coaches, players and fans with respect.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
- Teach honest effort and playing by the rules.

Student Participants

- Accept the responsibility and privilege of competing for your school.
- Treat opponents with respect, acknowledging their personal skills, attributes and worth.
- Keep your composure and exercise self-control at all times.
- Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, never being boastful or bitter.
- Focus on competing at your best, within the rules of the game.

Parents

- Remember the purpose and value of interscholastic, education-based competition.
- Emphasize effort and learning over winning and losing.
- Be a model, not a critic; model appropriate behavior, poise and confidence.
- Respect the role of the coach and their decision making.
- Accept the goals, roles and achievements of your son or daughter.

Fans

- Help develop a community reputation for good sportsmanship.
- Focus on supporting your school's coaches and players.
- Acknowledge good play regardless of team.
- Support and respect those playing, coaching and officiating.
- Be a role model by maintaining a positive attitude.

Officials

- Accept your role in an unassuming manner.
- Maintain confidence and poise by controlling the contest from start to finish.
- Communicate positively with coaches and players.
- Know the rules and apply them equitably at all times.
- Treat every game, participant and coach with an equal amount of respect.



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is a New Mexico sportsmanship
program designed to help reinforce
the true value of interscholastic
athletics and activities – *to educate
and prepare our youth for the future.*



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COMPETE CLASS

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The ideal of sportsmanship permeates virtually every aspect of our culture. The ethic of fair play may be witnessed in all facets of life. However, its origin has been firmly established in competition as a training ground for good citizenship and high behavioral standards. Sportsmanship is a concrete measure of each school and individual's understanding of their commitment to the educational nature of interscholastic athletics and activities.

"Compete with Class" was developed through a collaboration process involving athletic directors, coaches and school administrators as well as input from student and adult communities with the purpose of restoring the placement of interscholastic activities in an educational perspective and providing our state with a sportsmanship program that would be embraced and called our own.



The NMAA defines sportsmanship as, "the act of treating others in a respectful manner; taking personal accountability for ones actions and responding with integrity while engaged in competition." It is rooted in three core values: Respect, Integrity and Responsibility.

RESPECT:

Treat the traditions of the game and opponents with respect. Refrain from engaging in or tolerating disrespectful conduct including verbal abuse of opponents and officials, profane or belligerent "trash-talking," taunting, and unseemly celebrations. Win with grace and lose with dignity.

INTEGRITY:

Honor the rules of the game and refrain from gamesmanship. Adhere to high standards of fair play. Focus on education and character development goals. Refrain from engaging in or tolerating dishonesty, cheating or dishonorable conduct.

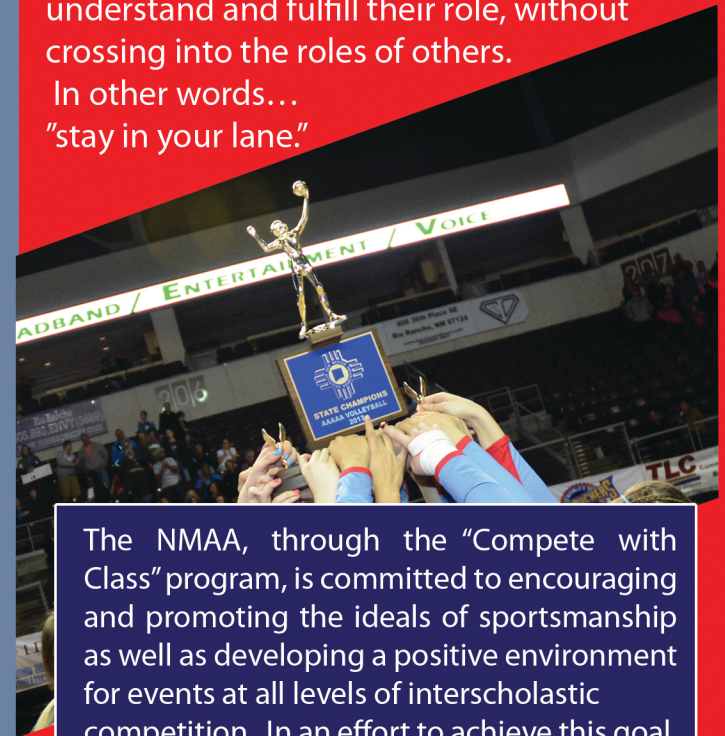
RESPONSIBILITY:

Be a positive role model on and off the field. Take accountability for your actions. Accept your mistakes. Possess self-control and learn from adversity. Further the mental, social and moral development of athletes and teach life skills that enhance personal success and social responsibility.

Stay in your Lane

The responsibility for developing sportsmanship involves many different people. Unlike most areas of education, interscholastic athletics and activities are performed before spectators and young people put their self-esteem on the line with every action. They look not only to their coaches and teammates but to the people in the stands for positive reinforcement. For education-based athletics and activities to function successfully, every individual must understand and fulfill their role, without crossing into the roles of others.

In other words...
"stay in your lane."



The NMAA, through the "Compete with Class" program, is committed to encouraging and promoting the ideals of sportsmanship as well as developing a positive environment for events at all levels of interscholastic competition. In an effort to achieve this goal, the "Compete with Class" program has developed expectations for various groups and individuals to "stay in your lane" and remember their roles when it comes to interscholastic competition.