

**BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Guidelines for Proper Sportsmanship**

To promote sportsmanship and foster the development of good character, sports programs must be conducted in a manner that enhances the academic, emotional, social, physical and ethical development of student-athletes. Participation in athletic programs is a privilege, not a right. To earn that privilege, student-athletes and coaches must abide by the following rules of good sportsmanship:

**Coaches**

1. Shall abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
2. Shall respect the integrity and judgment of the officials/referees.
3. Sets the tone of conduct for student-athletes, spectators, team members and citizens.
4. Must visibly show that s/he values fair, honest rivalries, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results.
5. Shall take corrective action on any student-athlete who violates the code of conduct found within this policy.

**Student-Athletes/Participants**

1. Maintain academic eligibility standards as determined by the Board.
2. Be respectful and courteous of opposing teams and officials
3. Refrain from disrespectfully addressing officials and opposing teams, antics to intimidate, taunting, fighting, or using profanity.
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions without question.
5. Be modest when successful and gracious in defeat.

Any student-athlete found to have violated this policy may be subject to appropriate discipline to be administered by either the coach or school administrators. Such discipline may range from temporary to permanent suspension of the student-athlete's participation on the athletic team. Disciplinary measures will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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