



Preparing kids for the game of life

Sportsmanship Guidelines/Expectations **For all Gold Crown Events**

Good sportsmanship is a top priority of the Gold Crown Foundation. The manner in which your team is represented is far more important than wins and losses. Good sportsmanship is about respect – respect for yourself, for teammates and coaches, for your opponents, for the game officials and for the game itself. Sportsmanship translates to lessons in citizenship for the young athletes that participate in Gold Crown. Your enthusiasm will help counter possible negative influences that exist in our society in regards to sportsmanship. More importantly, it will help set a positive example for others to follow.

The following guidelines and expectations will be followed at all Gold Crown events. Please educate your constituents regarding what is expected from them. It is a privilege to participate in a Gold Crown event, not a right.

Sportsmanship is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following policy items are listed below for clarification:

- A) Be courteous to all (participants, coaches, officials, staff and spectators).**
- B) Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions.**
- C) Win with character and lose with dignity.**
- D) Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.**
- E) Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself and team.**
- F) Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your team.**

Gold Crown will not tolerate any inappropriate behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct. Players, Coaches and Spectators must demonstrate positive behavior or they may be asked to leave by Gold Crown personnel.

- **A Player, Coach or Spectator who is removed from a Gold Crown event will forfeit their privilege of attending the following game. Prior to attending any future games, they will have the opportunity to resolve the issue with Gold Crown staff. Consequences may range from verbal reprimand, to written reprimand, to suspension, to dismissal. Any coach, parent, spectator or player who is removed from a game on two separate occasions will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the season.**
- **If an athlete acts inappropriately, the coach is expected to take disciplinary action. This may include suspension for the remainder of the game or longer. Consequences for such behavior may also be determined by Gold Crown staff.**
- **Coaches are expected to set strong examples and should model expected behavior at all times.**