

North Puget Sound League Sportsmanship Plan

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Proactive Steps to Improve Sportsmanship

1. Schools are to educate every coach, athlete, and parent on sportsmanship expectations (i.e. via a Sportsmanship PowerPoint presented at pre-season meetings).
2. Ejections will be carefully tracked.
3. A more welcoming environment will be established by host schools. Gym Managers, AD's or administrators will welcome both the officials and visiting teams upon arrival and provide them with needed information.
4. Each school will post in their gym banners of all league members, a "Just Play Fair" banner, and the North Puget Sound League Sportsmanship Creed.
5. "Acceptable behaviors" will be included on every game program or information will be communicated another way (i.e. cards).
6. A sportsmanship announcement will be made prior to each game (games that have pre-game announcements).
7. Starters will shake hands prior to the contest (in sports where this is feasible).
8. Schools are encouraged to announce a home and visiting athlete who exemplify good sportsmanship.
9. A team sportsmanship champion will be named in each sport each season. An annual sportsmanship award will be presented to the school with the most individual sportsmanship awards.

Ejection Sanctions and Appeal Procedures

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: It is your responsibility to submit the following items as one group (packet) to the League President if any of the individuals noted below (athlete, coach, spectator) choose to apply for reinstatement or reduction of the imposed sanction.

- Hard copy printout of the North Puget Sound League Ejection Report
- Hard copy printout of the WIAA Online Ejection Report
- WIAA Conduct Report submitted by the official who applied the ejection penalty
- Application for reinstatement/reduction from the ejected individual
- NFHS "The Role of the Parent in Sports" Course certificate (ejected parent spectator)
- NFHS Sportsmanship Course certificate (athlete, coach or ejected non-parent spectator)

1. ATHLETE EJECTION

- A. The athlete will sit out a minimum two contests in that sport at the same level of competition from which the athlete was ejected (note: a senior with sports remaining will sit a minimum two contests in the next sport played).
- B. The athlete must meet with the school athletic director and/or building principal and/or district athletic director prior to returning to events. Parent/Guardian contact is expected.
- C. The athlete must apply in writing through his/her school district process to seek reinstatement/reduction. The request for reinstatement/reduction, if approved through the school district process, will then be submitted to the North Puget Sound League president.
- D. In addition to the required meeting noted above, the athlete must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course before returning to events. This course can be accessed at www.nfhslearn.com. A copy of the NFHS Sportsmanship Course certificate must be submitted with the written request for reinstatement/reduction.
- E. The league president will forward materials to North Puget Sound League discipline committee who will vote on reinstatement/reduction. All application materials and any additional documentation submitted by the applicant must be submitted in one packet to the athletic directors.

2. **COACH EJECTION**

- A. The coach will sit out a minimum two contests in that sport at the same level of competition from which the coach was ejected. An individual on suspension may not attend contests or be at a home or away facility as a spectator during the suspension period. This includes attendance at events held at any level (varsity/sub-varsity) during the suspension period.
- B. The coach must meet with the school athletic director and/or building principal and/or district athletic director prior to returning to events.
- C. The coach must apply in writing through his/her school district process to seek reinstatement/reduction. The request for reinstatement/reduction, if approved through the school district process, will then be submitted to the North Puget Sound League president.
- D. The coach will complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course prior to returning to competition. This course can be accessed at www.nfhslearn.com. A copy of the NFHS Sportsmanship Course certificate must be submitted with the written request for reinstatement/reduction.
- E. The league president will forward materials to North Puget Sound League discipline committee who will vote on reinstatement/reduction. All application materials and any additional documentation submitted by the applicant must be submitted in one packet to the athletic directors.
- F. If a team has three athletes ejected in a season, the coach will be suspended for the next contest at that level with that team with the right to appeal through his/her school district process.

3. **SPECTATOR EJECTION**

- A. The individual will not be allowed to attend a minimum two contests in that sport at the same level of competition from which the spectator was ejected. The individual may not attend contests or be at a home or away facility as a spectator during the suspension period. This includes attendance at events held at any level (varsity/sub-varsity) during the suspension period.
- B. For student spectators, the student must meet with the school athletic director and/or building principal and/or district athletic director prior to returning to events. Parent/Guardian contact is expected.
- C. An adult spectator must meet with the school athletic director and/or building principal and/or district athletic director prior to attending future events.
- D. The individual may apply in writing through his/her school district process to seek reinstatement/reduction.
- E. In addition to the required meeting noted above, a student spectator must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course before returning to events. This course can be accessed at www.nfhslearn.com. A copy of the NFHS Sportsmanship Course certificate must be submitted with the written request for reinstatement/reduction.
- F. An adult spectator, if the parent of a student athlete, must complete the NFHS "The Role of the Parent in Sports" online course before a return to events is allowed. An adult spectator who is not the parent of a student athlete must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course. These courses can be accessed at www.nfhslearn.com. The appropriate NFHS certificate signifying course completion must be submitted with the written request for reinstatement/reduction.
- G. The league president will forward materials to North Puget Sound League discipline committee who will vote on reinstatement/reduction. All application materials and any additional documentation submitted by the applicant must be submitted in one packet to the athletic directors.
- H. A student spectator, ejected for the second time, will sit out a minimum one calendar year with the right to appeal.
- I. An adult spectator, ejected for the second time, will receive a no trespass order from his/her school district that applies to all WIAA-sanctioned activities for one calendar year with the right to appeal.