

Students

Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics

Sportsmanship

It is the intent of the New Milford Board of Education that the district's extracurricular athletic programs emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship within the entire school community. The Board expects the highest standards of courtesy, fair play, and sportsmanship to be displayed not only by student athletes, but also by coaches, school personnel, announcers, cheerleaders, students, parents, and other spectators at athletic events.

Members of the school community are encouraged to provide positive support of players, coaches, and officials. School administrators, athletic directors, and coaches are expected to serve as role models of good sportsmanship, exhibiting at all times the highest standards of self-control, dignity, honor, and respect for the opposing team and officials.

In conformance with the expectations of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), the Board recognizes the need to establish a "Sportsmanship Code." The Board delegates the responsibility for developing the district's Sportsmanship Code to the Superintendent of Schools or designee. The Sportsmanship Code shall address, at minimum, the following:

1. Specifically and directly state the requirement of good sportsmanship for all members of the school community;
2. Specify the expectations of athletes, coaches, and spectators;
3. Establish penalties for violations of the code;
4. Require student athletes and their parents/guardians to sign an acknowledgement that they have read and understand the code;
5. Establish the methods of disseminating the code so that each member of the school community is apprised of his/her responsibilities under the code.

The Board of Education retains the right to revise the Sportsmanship Code at any time.

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