

POLICY

Lower Cape May Regional
Board of Education

Section: Students

5570. SPORTSMANSHIP

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The Board of Education requires that all individuals involved in or attending the athletic and intramural programs sponsored by the Board exhibit sportsmanship when representing the school at any athletic event. Sportsmanship is defined as abiding by the rules of the contest as defined or accepted by the participating teams and the gracious acceptance of victory or defeat. In exhibiting sportsmanship all participants shall:

1. Understand and follow the rules of the contest;
2. Recognize skilled performance of others regardless of affiliation;
3. Display respect for all individuals participating in the athletic event;
4. Treat opponents in an empathetic manner; and
5. Congratulate opponents in victory or defeat.

Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship shall include, but not be limited to the following conduct:

1. Any person who strikes or physically abuses an official, coach, player or spectator;
2. Any person who intentionally incites participants or spectators to abusive action;
3. Any person who uses obscene gestures or unduly provocative language or action towards officials, coaches, opponents or spectators;
4. Any school or athletic staff member who is publicly critical of a game official or opposing coaches and/or players;
5. Any person who engages in conduct which exhibits bias based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability; and
6. Schools or school organizations engaging in pre-event activities of an intimidating nature, e.g. use of fog machines, blaring sirens, unusual sound effects or lighting, or similar activities.

7. Other conduct judged by the Athletic Director or Building Principal to be unsportsmanlike in character.
8. Any violation of the rules of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship may result in the Board denying the opportunity for any individual to participate in the athletic program or attend athletic events.

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All school rules and regulations apply to school sponsored events (dances, athletics, school plays, concerts, class-sponsored events, etc.). Any pupil found to violate any school standard while in attendance at a school-sponsored event will be subject to disciplinary action which may include being excluded from future events. The need for good sportsmanship is important at all times. Pupils must remember that they are representing their school at both co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Lower Cape May Regional School District expects good manners from its pupils and offers the following suggestions:

1. Acceptable school dress at all school-sponsored events.
2. Noisemakers, streamers, banners, and the like are prohibited at indoor events.
3. Booing, derogatory cheers/remarks are not acceptable at any event; more enthusiasm can be generated by following the cheerleader's direction.
4. Displays of temper, annoyance, rowdy behavior or exhibitionism will not change the outcome of any event.
5. Support of all school-sponsored activities is encouraged.

6. Follow the directions of monitors, police, or school officials at home and away.
They are serving in the pupils' best interest.

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