

Youth Sports Sportsmanship Policy

Spanish Fork Parks & Recreation has implemented a Sportsmanship rating system. Behavior and attitude is key to the enjoyment and fulfillment of any recreation program. Coaches will be responsible for the education of ALL players and spectators affiliated with their team about this policy. The umpire/s or official/s, opposing coach, and if possible the site supervisor will work together to determine the sportsmanship score for each team after the completion of the game. Team scores will be turned into the Recreation Office where the average will be kept through the season or activity. If any team's average is not above a 3, on this 0-5 scale they will not be allowed to participate in any post season tournaments, and will not be eligible for regular season and postseason awards. Teams will receive a point based on the following five categories. Failure to comply with any items in these categories will result in the loss of points towards that teams sportsmanship score. A teams sportsmanship score will be tracked from the moment they enter into a park or facilities parking lot hosting any recreation activity, and will be tracked until they have completely left the premises.

If any player, coach or spectator from a team is ejected for any cause or reason the sportsmanship score for that team will automatically be a 2 or lower for the contest.

1. **The Players** of the team show respect and are courteous to the umpires/officials, opposing team, opposing fans, and their own team, coach, and fans.
 - a. Players do not taunt members of the crowd, opposing team, or opposing coach.
 - b. Players participate fully in post game handshake lines.
 - c. Players language is consistently respectful towards anyone in the playing park or facility and parking lot.
2. **The Coach** is respectful and courteous to the umpires/officials, opposing team, opposing fans, and their own team, and fans.
 - a. The coach handles disagreements with officialing in a calm, respectful manner.
 - b. The coach controls their emotions to show respect towards anyone in the playing park and facility and parking lot through their words and actions.
 - c. The coach plays all players an adequate amount of playing time, equaling a minimum of at least half of any contest.
3. **The Spectators** are respectful and courteous to the umpires/officials, opposing team, opposing fans, and their own team, coach and fans.
 - a. Spectators control their emotions to not belittle umpires/officials or excessively arguing officiating judgment calls.
 - b. Spectators control their emotions to show respect towards anyone in the playing park and facility and parking lot through their words and actions.
 - c. Spectators do not argue with the opposing teams fans, and all communication with opposing teams fans is courteous and friendly.
4. The team, coach and spectators abided by the league and facility rules.
 - a. All league rules were abided by and no intentional "cheating" was observed.
 - b. All facility rules were abided by such as: no dogs allowed in parks and facilities, no smoking or vaping, no alcohol, no bikes, scooters, skateboards etc.
5. **WOW factor!**
 - a. The wow factor point should be extremely difficult for a team to achieve. In order to receive this point someone or a team as a whole must go out of their way to show extremely excellent sportsmanship to receive this point.