Good sportsmanship is the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for our interscholastic athletic programs offered at Natrona County School District (NCSD). Everyone involved in all facets of the NCSD interscholastic athletic programs is expected to always demonstrate good sportsmanship, even during the most difficult times.

Our young athletes need to know that humility, integrity, fairness, and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics and are the cornerstones of building a good sportsmanship culture. Building & living on these important values helps prevent negative or unsportsmanlike action towards officials, opponents, and other spectators. They decrease the emphasis on winning at all costs! They promote living ethically in all walks of life. And last, they promote the attitude necessary for responsible behavior.

We invite you to take the sportsmanship pledge of making good sportsmanship an everyday walk in your life.

* To be a role model of good sportsmanship that is evident by your actions and your words.
* To encourage everyone around you to take the pledge of good sportsmanship.
* To be clear and firm about the good sportsmanship rules concerning your conduct and behavior while viewing or participating in an athletic contest.

**Acceptable Behavior:** Showing respect for opposing players, coaches, and fans. Respecting the official’s decision and encouraging all participants to do the same. Respecting and showing appreciation for all coaches, they are giving their time to provide activities for our young people. Encourage athletes and coaches to play by the rules. Learn the rules of the sport so you are less likely to criticize officials or coaches. Supporting and cheering for your team and not against the opposing team. Keep your perspective, it is just a game. Young people learn best by example, and always show good sportsmanship.

**Unacceptable Behavior:** Ridiculing an athlete, coach, official, or fan. Taunting or making derogatory remarks to opponents, officials, or coaches. Yelling, booing, using negative chants or gestures, blaming the loss of a game on officials, coaches, or players. Using profanity or displays of anger, going on to the playing field or court before, during, or after a contest to criticize coaches, players, or officials, encouraging unfair play, receiving a technical foul, yellow card, or red card, being ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct. Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the event site.

**Possible Consequences But Not Limited To:** Presented with a yellow card as a warning, possible immediate removal from the contest site, possible ban from future contests, multiple unsportsmanlike infractions, over any time period, may lead to a lifetime ban from district-wide activities, a flagrant infraction will receive maximum consequences, an infraction at the end of a school year will follow through to the next school year and additional consequences may apply according to the NCSD Code of Conduct. A buy-back program must be completed before attending another NCSD sponsored activity.

**The Good Sportsmanship Pledge: *I acknowledge that I am a role model for good sportsmanship. I will remember that school athletics are an extension of the classroom offering learning experiences for students. I will show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and support groups. I will participate in cheers and actions that encourage and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and that good sportsmanship is expected by our school, our team, and the Natrona County School District. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent/ guardian of a student-athlete. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being a participant in any NCSD sponsored activity.***

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