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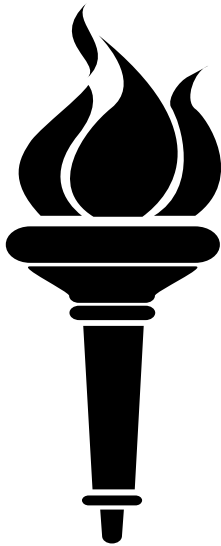


MISSION STATEMENT

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The purpose of the UHSAA shall be to administer and supervise interscholastic activities among its member schools according to the Association Constitution and By-Laws.

Knowing that student activities are a significant educational force in the development of skills needed to become a contributing member of society, the UHSAA reaffirms that students are the focus and reason for the Association. As such, the Association will provide opportunities that:



Promote sportsmanship and safe competition through standardized eligibility rules.

Provide interscholastic sports, music, drama, and speech.

Create learning laboratories where practical life-situations, teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing, hard work, leadership, and cooperation are taught.

Nurture self-realization and build self-confidence.

Promote, through participation, higher academic achievement, better attendance, lower drop-out rates, and positive citizenship.

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Sportsmanship Mission Statement

The mission of the Utah High School Activities Association Sportsmanship curriculum is to teach acceptance of victory and defeat in a dignified and graceful manner; always treating participants with fairness, courtesy and respect.

Sportsmanship Belief Statement

1. Sportsmanship promotes good citizenship and respect for self and others.
2. Sportsmanship means competing within the boundaries of the rules.
3. Sportsmanship creates a positive environment for competition.
4. Sportsmanship develops a sense of appreciation for a good performance.
5. Sportsmanship builds positive school spirit.
6. Sportsmanship is the responsibility of all participants which includes: players, coaches, officials, administrators, students, parents and fans.

The Fundamentals of Sportsmanship

Note: This information should be provided to all students, staff, boosters and spectators. It outlines the basics for all expected behaviors more explicitly defined in later sections of this manual.

1. Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the contest.

The necessity to be well informed is essential. Know the rules! If you are uninformed, refrain from expressing opinions on officials, coaches, or administrative decisions. The spirit of good sportsmanship depends upon conformance to a rule's intent as well as to the letter of a given rule.

2. Exercise representative behavior at all times.

A prerequisite to good sportsmanship requires one to understand his/her own prejudices as they become a factor in his/her behavior. The true value of interscholastic competition relies upon everyone exhibiting behavior which is representative of a sound value base. A proper perspective must be maintained if the educational values are to be realized. Your behavior influences others whether you are aware of it or not.

3. Recognize and appreciate skilled performances, regardless of affiliation.

Applause for an opponent's good performance displays generosity and is a courtesy that should regularly be practiced. This not only represents good sportsmanship but reflects a true awareness of the game by recognizing and acknowledging quality.

4. Exhibit respect for officials.

The officials of any contest are impartial arbitrators who are trained and who perform to the best of their ability. Mistakes by all those involved in the contest are a part of it. We should not rationalize our own poor or unsuccessful performance or behavior by placing responsibility on an official. The rule of good sportsmanship is to accept and abide by the decision made. This value is critical for students to learn for later application in life.

