



Raise the Bar

Sportsmanship Matters!

Utah High School Activities Association

2016-17 School Sportsmanship Award

For the fourth year, the UHSAA calls on all member schools to **"Raise-the-Bar and Earn-a-Star"** by completing the School Sportsmanship Award criteria listed below. An online application will be emailed to principals the first week of May and must be submitted by Friday, June 2, 2017.

2017

Qualifying schools will receive the 2017 Gold Star for their UHSAA School Sportsmanship Banner, an Award Certificate, media recognition and UIAAA Director's Cup points. Schools will also be honored when they become a **FIVE STAR PROGRAM**.

To qualify for the School Sportsmanship Award and the 2017 STAR, schools must complete all of following items and submit the online app by June 2, 2017.

1. Schools must display their UHSAA School Sportsmanship Banner throughout the school year.
2. Student-athletes and their parents must sign the Sportsmanship Pledge on the UHSAA Tryout Checklist and coaches must address good sportsmanship in an orientation/meeting with players and parents.
3. Schools must have zero coach ejections for the year OR ejected coaches must complete the NFHS Course: *Teaching and Modeling Behavior* (nfhslearn.com) as outlined in the UHSAA Handbook (p.53). The AD should ask for a certificate of completion. If a coach is ejected a second time in a year, it will become a region disciplinary action and the Region Board of Managers shall fine the coach a \$100.
4. Post the school's sportsmanship policy in a prominent location so students, parents, players and fans have a clear understanding of what will be expected and enforced at sporting events (template posted on uhsaa.org).
5. Sportsmanship shall be an agenda item on each of the Region Board of Managers scheduled meetings. Topics should include spectator/student behavior at region games, enforcing "Do Rowdy Right" and supervision at sporting events. **The Region Chair or Division Chair(s) may ask the UHSAA to deny the Sportsmanship Award to a region/division school if that school has not followed-through with sportsmanship issues at their school and/or the school was sanctioned at the state level for a sportsmanship-related issue.**
6. Use the UHSAA sportsmanship announcements at home contests whenever an announcer and PA system are available. The sportsmanship announcements are posted on the Sportsmanship page at uhsaa.org.
7. Develop and implement a social media policy that promotes positive "posts" about the contest and other schools, and avoid "posts" that are negative and demeaning. Encourage student-athletes to participate in the NFHS #MyReasonWhy Campaign
8. Have one or more of your teams participate in a service project to benefit a worthy cause.
9. Have two students participate in the statewide UHSAA Student Leadership Conference: *Dare to Lead*, on Saturday, August 5 2017 OR have students participate in a school, region/district leadership conference.
10. On the School Sportsmanship Award Application submit your most successful strategy, activity or "Best Practice" for promoting or enforcing sportsmanship and also one area of "Needs Improvement." A list of "Best Practices" will be posted on the Sportsmanship page at www.uhsaa.org.
11. **Extension:** Develop and implement a Character Education program that will promote virtues that are deemed an area of improvement in your athletic programs/school. Some ideas may include: Integrity, Respect, Honesty, Teamwork, Responsibility, Leadership, Perseverance, Determination, Courage, etc.