

Sportsmanship Points

This season we will be tracking sportsmanship points for the Middle School League. Listed below are expectations and scoring guidelines.

Sportsmanship:

Sportsmanship definition: A person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint or victory without gloating, and who treats his/her opponents with fairness, courtesy and respect.

Good sportsmanship may be difficult to teach. It requires that you think of other players, not just yourself. DC SCORES teaches the values of good sportsmanship; it is a primary goal of SCORES. Good sportsmanship is displayed not just on the soccer field, but throughout the program and hopefully throughout our poet-athletes' lives.

Guidelines:

- If no referee is present at your game site, each coach will call in to the office sportsmanship points for the opposing boys and girls teams. If a referee is present, then he or she will fill out sportsmanship cards and the coaches will not evaluate the opposing team.
- There are three sportsmanship categories: players, coaches, and parents/spectators. Please note that the maximum sportsmanship points for each category are different. There are 5 points for the players, 3 points for the coaches, and 2 points for the parents/spectators.
- The maximum amount of sportsmanship points per game is 10. Since there are 7 games, the maximum number of total points a team can receive this season is 70.
- Any team that does not earn 58 out of 70 points will not be eligible for the playoffs!
- Sportsmanship points should be called in to Kenny or Sean at the office by the following Monday. If a coach fails to turn in the sportsmanship cards for the previous week's games by the following Monday, then his/her team will lose one point from his/her team's total sportsmanship points.

Good Sportsmanship Includes:

- Helping a fellow player or opponent off of the ground after a tough fall or tackle
- Accepting a referee's call on the field without dissent
- Respecting the coach's decision to substitute players
- Making positive comments about your teammates play
- Lining up with your teammates to shake hands at the end of a game
- Accepting defeat with dignity

Some examples of poor sportsmanship are:

- Fighting on the field between teammates or opponents
- Arguing the referee's calls
- Using foul language on the field
- Harassing other players from the sidelines or on the field
- Shouting at a coach, other players or the referee
- Rejecting defeat with complaints and claims of cheating

Coaches: Encourage Fair Play!

- Be accepting of the referee's decisions and remain clam.
- Refrain from making loud or inappropriate remarks. Be a role model for fair play.
- Concentrate on coaching rather than the accuracy of the referee's decisions.
- Know and follow all rules and policies. Referee games fairly and without bias.
- Set high sportsmanship standards for yourself and expect the same from your kids, parents, and school community.