

## Pana Community Unit School District # 8

### Sportsmanship Code of Conduct

#### **What is Sportsmanship – IESA.ORG**

Sportsmanship is playing fair, taking a loss or defeat without complaint, not gloating when winning, and generally treating opponents and officials with courtesy, generosity and fairness.

Sportsmanship is;

- Citizenship
- Integrity and Ethics
- Respect for Opponents and Officials
- Moral Character
- Fair Play
- Acceptance of Results
- Appreciation for all Performances

All of these items fall into the definition of sportsmanship. These ideals represent the role of interscholastic activities included in your school. When these concepts are followed, then interscholastic activities are shown as a positive and productive part of the total educational system.

#### **IHSA Handbook 13-14**

#### **2.040 SPORTSMANSHIP OF SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES**

2.041 Students, school staff, boards of education, spectators and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with a member school shall practice and promote the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition in all interscholastic relationships. The Executive Director shall have authority to investigate allegations and incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct which adversely affects the ethics of competition in connection with interscholastic contests. The Executive Director shall also have full authority to invoke penalties, in the context of the provisions of Division 6.000 of these By-laws, against a member school and/or individuals whose conduct in connection with an interscholastic contest violates these principles or ethics.

2.042 Member schools shall maintain proper crowd control and enforce the principles of good sportsmanship and ethics for all interscholastic activities. The Executive Director shall have authority to investigate reported incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct which adversely affects the ethics of competition in connection with interscholastic contests and shall have full authority to invoke penalties, in the context of Division 6.000 of these By-laws, against a member school which fails to fulfill its obligations as provided in this section.

### **Sportsmanship of Spectators/Parents:**

The Pana CUSD#8 has a duty to protect not only the students, but staff and officials as well. At no time will a student, teacher, coach, administrator, official, or any other member of the staff be verbally harassed, cursed, threatened in any way, physically touched, pushed, grabbed, punched or “accidentally” have any of these things occur. Persons doing so will be ordered off school grounds immediately.

Spectators at any athletic or extracurricular event on Pana CUSD #8 grounds or any (away) venue must always act in a positive manner. You should never berate a coach, player or officials from either team. Spectators need to remain positive and supportive of all our athletic teams and student athletes. Spectators always need to show good sportsmanship towards everyone. If any spectator is found to be acting in a negative way (mentioned earlier), they will be ordered to leave the school grounds immediately.

FAILURE TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS IMMEDIATELY WHEN ASKED OR ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE SCHOOL OFFICIAL IN CHARGE WILL RESULT IN INTERFERENCE WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS. THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL BE CONTACTED IF NECESSARY.

ANY PERSON FOUND VIOLATING THE ABOVE POLICIES MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM ATTENDING ANY SCHOOL FUNCTION IN THE PANA CUSD #8 FOR A DEFINED PERIOD OF TIME. (LISTED BELOW)

### **Consequences/Penalties:**

Level 1 – Spectators who take part in unsportsmanlike behaviors will be issued a warning (1<sup>st</sup> offense) and asked to stop the behavior.

Level 2 – Spectators being asked or told to leave the school grounds or a school function by a game official or school official because of improper behavior, will be suspended a minimum of 1 game and required to attend a meeting with the principal and athletic director and issued a letter of warning about future behavior and placed on a 365 day probationary period from the date of occurrence.

Level 3 – Spectators being asked or told to leave the school grounds or a school function by a game official or school official because of improper behavior who is already on probation, may be suspended from attending ANY school function for a period of one co-curricular season with the potential of the suspension extending a full calendar year from the date of occurrence. Any extended suspensions would be subject to a presentation of the facts surrounding the inappropriate spectator behavior and a Board of Education Hearing.

\*Any person suspended for one school year (or 365 days) must have the building principal’s permission prior to entering school grounds at any time.