

Youth Sports Sportsmanship Program

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This document includes instructions and guidelines for the City of Oxnard Recreation & Community Services Youth Sports Program's Sportsmanship Program. Please use this resource as a guide to understanding both expectations and accountability for schools, organizations, and teams participating in Oxnard Recreation Youth Sports.

**Sportsmanship
Scoring
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& Policies**

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A maximum of 10 points will be awarded to each team, based on receiving 2 points in each of the five categories listed below. The criteria for deducting points in each category are described in the details that follow. Based on a starting position of 10 points at the beginning of each game, the final sportsmanship points are determined by the Referee, based on his or her interpretation of the guidelines set forth in this document, with the guidance of the Assistant Referee and Officiating Staff. Members of the Youth Sports Staff Leadership may also deduct sportsmanship points as necessary. NOTE: Explanations for all deducted sportsmanship points must be included on each game card by Officiating Team, except if deducted by Youth Sports Staff Leadership.

Point deductions made without written explanation are null and void. Explanations must be included for each deduction to be valid. Points are not to be deducted for reasons other than those listed here.

Categories:

1. Player Cooperation
2. Uniform Compliance
3. Coach Cooperation
4. Spectator Cooperation
5. Courtesy to Officials

Sportsmanship Points Impact on City League Games:

Teams must earn a minimum of **60%** of potential sportsmanship points possible for scheduled regular season games to advance into post-season play and maintain win/loss ranking. All teams earning 59% or less of their regular season's potential points will be penalized accordingly. Teams not earning a minimum of 35% of their season's potential points also put their school/organization in jeopardy of penalty.

Example: If a team plays eight regular season games, then their highest possible point total is **80**. Below is a sample of the total points earned and the designated penalty for poor sportsmanship.

Percentage of Total Possible	Minimum Points Needed to Qualify <i>Example: Out of 80</i>	Poor Sportsmanship Penalty
60%+	48 (6 pt avg per game)	Team in good standing & eligible to advance at regular season ranking – No Penalty
59 – 50%	40 (5 apg)	A. Team drops one rank
49 – 45%	36 (4.5 apg)	B. Team drops two ranks + may not play for 2 nd or 1 st Place
44 – 40%	32 (4 apg)	C. Team may not advance into post season play
39 – 30%	24 (3 apg)	D. Team may not advance + School loses priority registration
29 – 0%	23 (less than 3 apg)	E. Team may not advance + School suspended from next season

SPORTSMANSHIP CATEGORIES

'Officiating Team' refers to all referees, scorekeepers, or facility monitors assigned to that game/match. Final decision on points lost is made by the head official and/or Youth Sports Staff leadership on site during the game/match.

1. PLAYER COOPERATION (with players, coaches, and spectators of either team)

❖ 2 points are awarded, if, in the opinion of the Officiating Team...

- No offensive, abusive, or insulting language or gesture(s) is used (in the opinion of any member the officiating team) by a player towards a coach or spectator of either team. (Personal fouls will be used to address the use of offensive, abusive, or insulting language towards others players of either team.)
- No flagrant or technical fouls
- All players participate in the end of match handshake with players of the opposing team

❖ 1 point removed for each of the following...

- Each occurrence of offensive, abusive, or insulting language or gesture used (in the opinion of any member of the referee team) by a player towards a coach or spectator of either team. (Personal fouls will be used to address the use of offensive, abusive, or insulting language or gestures towards players of either team.)
- For every player who does not participate in the end of match handshake with players of the opposing team
- Each technical or flagrant foul

2. UNIFORM COMPLIANCE

❖ 2 points are awarded, if, in the opinion of the Officiating Team...

- All players are dressed in appropriate uniforms and equipment

❖ 1 point removed for each of the following...

- Each player not dressed in approved team uniform and equipment, with the exception of the use of "pennies" or borrowed jerseys requested by Officials
- Players persistently refuse to keep shirts tucked in, shorts worn appropriately, or remove prohibited clothing/jewelry
- For each player needing pockets to be taped down and coach has not provided tape to do so (*Flag Football only*)

3. COACH COOPERATION (with players, coaches, and spectators of either team)

❖ 2 points are awarded, if, in the opinion of the Officiating Team...

- No offensive, abusive, or insulting language or gesture(s) is used (in the opinion of any member the officiating team) by a coach or assistant coach towards a player, coach, assistant coach, or spectator of either team
- Coach and assistant coach participate in end of match handshake with opposing team and coaches
- Coach or assistant coach do not enter field of play without invitation by referee
- Coach or assistant coach do not receive any flagrant or technical fouls
- Coach or assistant coach are not removed from team sideline/dugout by Referee/Umpire
- Coach and assistant coach remain within the technical area
- No delay of game is used by coach/es at restarts

❖ 1 point removed for each of the following...

- Each occurrence of offensive, abusive, or insulting language or gesture used (in the opinion of any officiating team member) by a coach/assistant coach towards any player, coach, or
- Coach or assistant coach do not participate in the end of match handshake with opposing team and coach
- Coach or assistant coach enters the field of play without invitation by Referee/Umpire
- Each flagrant or technical foul received by head coach or assistant coach
- Coach or assistant coach removed from team sideline/dugout by Referee/Umpire
- Coach or assistant coach is persistently outside the technical area
- Persistent delay of game by coach/es at restarts

4. SPECTATOR COOPERATION (with players, coaches, and spectators of either team)

❖ **2 points are awarded, if, in the opinion of the Officiating Team...**

- No offensive, abusive, or insulting language or gesture(s) is used (in the opinion of any member of the officiating team) by a spectator towards players, coaches, or spectators of either team

❖ **1 point removed for each of the following...**

- Each occurrence of offensive, abusive, or insulting language or gesture used (in the opinion any member of the officiating team) by a spectator towards players, coaches, and spectators of either team
- Spectator(s) is sent off by a member of the Officiating Team
- Spectators “coach” team from opponent’s sideline or either goal line
- Spectators use artificial noise makers (air horn, bull horn, etc.)
- Spectators intentional making of noise/distraction during penalty/free-throw point attempts
- Spectators causing unauthorized objects to enter the field of play
- Spectators intentionally decline to move to their designated side of the field/court during the match

5. COURTESY TO THE OFFICIALS (by players, coaches, and spectators of either team)

❖ **2 points are awarded, if, in the opinion of the Officiating Team...**

- No offensive, abusive, or insulting language or gesture(s) is used (in the opinion of any member of the officiating team) by a player, coach or assistant coach, or spectator towards any member of the officiating team during, before or after the match

- All players participate in the end of match handshake with each referee

❖ **1 point removed for each of the following...**

- Each occurrence of offensive, abusive, or insulting language or gesture used (in the opinion of any member of the referee team) is used by coaches, players, or spectator towards any member of the referee team
- For every player who does not participate in the end of match handshake with each member of the referee team
- Coach does not participate in the end of match handshake with each member of the referee team
- Coaches or spectators express repeated disagreement towards any member of the referee team about calls made during the match
- Players, coaches, or spectators continue to interfere with Assistant Referee after being instructed to move

6. LEAGUE DEDUCTION OF SPORTSMANSHIP POINTS

Sportsmanship Points can be deducted by the Youth Sports League Staff for the following additional reasons:

- If Team/Coach does not reflect good sportsmanship by intentionally and blatantly or persistently running the score up (to be handled with discretion at the division level).
- For each game a Team/Coach is not adhering to the minimum play requirement.
- For each game a Team/Coach is not adhering to requests by officiating staff to address behavior of players or spectators

PENALTIES EXPLAINED

Schools or teams who have lost good standing may have the opportunity to have it reinstated.

PENALTY

- A. Team Drops One Rank:** Team will drop from current ranking seat to the one immediately below before post-season play begins. (Example: Dropping from 1st Place to 2nd Place)
- B. Team Drops Two Ranks + May Not Play for 1st or 2nd Place :** Team will drop from current ranking seat to the two seats immediately below before post-season play begins. Team will not continue beyond games playing for 3rd Place. (Example: Dropping from 1st Place to 3rd Place)
- C. Team May Not Advance into Post Season Play:** Team is removed from post season schedule and their season will end with regular season
- D. Team May Not Advance + School Loses Priority Registration:** Team is removed from post season schedule and their season ends with regular season. The school or organization sponsoring the team loses priority registration immediately. All teams from that school or organization that wish to participate will be placed on a waitlist and registered if space allows after the predesignated open registration period. All registered teams (with completed registration form and payment submitted before penalty is determined) will continue into the upcoming league. Penalty remains until good standing is reinstated.
- E. Team May Not Advance + School Suspended from Registration:** Team is removed from post season schedule and their season ends with regular season. The school or organization sponsoring the team is no longer eligible to register any teams for the upcoming season in all divisions within that league. All registered teams (with completed registration form and payment submitted before penalty is determined) will continue into the upcoming league. Penalty remains until good standing is reinstated.

REINSTATING GOOD STANDING

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Penalties A – C: Non-reversible. Coaches and administrators may inquire at the end of each game regarding sportsmanship points retained and may view point totals on Teamsideline.com/Oxnard within a week of the game being completed. Coaches and administrators are encouraged to be proactive. Administrators are encouraged to attend games to help manage sportsmanship and behavior during games, and hold appropriate parties accountable.

Penalty D: Though the penalized team may not advance beyond regular season, its school/organization may regain original registration priority by completing each of the following steps:

1. Head Coach from penalized team must complete the Character Driven Coaching Course (approx. 2 hrs) offered online through NAIA.org.
 - a. Copy of the Character Driven Coaching Course completion certificate must be submitted to the Recreation Office at least one week (7 days) prior to the start of the intended season's earliest registration period.
2. School must host sportsmanship/character in sports program for Youth Sports participants.
 - a. Flyer announcing the event and post-event summary from a ***school administrator*** must be submitted to Recreation Office at least one week (7 days) prior to the start of the intended season's earliest registration period.
 - b. School administrator, for the purposes of Oxnard Youth Sports, is defined as a principal, assistant principal, athletic director, district superintendent, or district assistant superintendent directly working with penalized school site or organization. Teachers, coaches, office managers, volunteers, or others not also serving in one of the listed previously listed positions do not qualify as a school administrator.

Penalty E: Though the penalized team may not advance beyond regular season, its school/organization may regain registration eligibility by completing each of the following steps:

1. Head Coach and any assistant coaches from penalized team must complete the Character Driven Coaching Course (approx. 2 hrs) offered online through NAIA.org.
 - a. Copy of the Character Driven Coaching Course completion certificate must be submitted to the Recreation Office at least two weeks (14 days) prior to start of the intended season's earliest registration period.
2. School must host mandatory sportsmanship/character in sports program for Youth Sports participants, coaches, and parents.
 - a. Flyer announcing the event must be submitted to Recreation Office at least two weeks (14 days) before the scheduled event to ensure a Youth Sports staff member is in attendance.
 - b. Program must be completed at least two weeks (14 days) prior to start of intended season's earliest registration period.