

Sportsmanship and Spirit at Your Athletic Events

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Sportsmanship

CIF's "Pursuing Victory With Honor," in its essence, will provide the tools to teach character development skills to the student-athletes and spectators of California high schools.

Everyone involved in competition including parents, spectators, associated study body leaders, and all auxiliary groups, have a duty to honor the traditions of the sport and to treat other participants with respect.

What can we do in ASB to promote sportsmanship at athletic events???

Leading Up to the Game

•Meet with the other school several weeks ahead of time and discuss how to keep the rivalry in-check – posters, campus vandalism, cheers at games.

- Have both ASB's get together for dinner.
- Make spirit posters together.
- Focus on a positive message that promotes your school, your team, your school family.

Collaboratively create and present Unity Posters

- Keep it positive - never stage any sign or "stunt" which degrades another team's name, mascot, or logo.

The Game

- Both ASB's come onto the field and have the ASB Presidents read a sportsmanship statement.
- Both bands march in and perform the National Anthem together.
- Home ASB hosts a pre-game "tailgate" for the visiting ASB.
- Both schools' cheer/dance teams perform together prior to the game or at halftime.
- The home team's cheer and student spirit sections perform a "Welcome Yell."

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Spirit

How can ASB create school spirit at athletic events?

Create a Student Spirit Section and give it cool name!!!

- Viking Nation
- The Green Hole
- Wildcat Pack
- The Blue Zoo
- Dawg Pound
- The Red Zone
- Reserve a section in the stands for just the student spirit section.
- Have a theme dress-up – Hawaiian, Pink Out, PJ's, Patriotic, Halloween Costumes, Day at the Beach, Christmas Dress Up, workout wear, camo, animal print, neon party, jersey.
- Create a spirit shirt for the spirit section and keep the price affordable, (\$5 is a good price point.)
- 30 second pump up video for morning announcements

Crowd Involvement Cheers

- Positive chants which focus on your team
- * Roller Coaster
- "If You're Winning and You Know it, Clap Your Hands"
- "I Believe"
- Silent Night
- Flash Mobs
- Remember that it takes time to build and sustain traditions
- Winning Teams help, but you can still have fun if your teams are struggling.
- Always remember to keep chants positive and school appropriate.

Find more fun student section chants on YouTube