

EAST BAY ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Expectations for Behavior

Sportsmanship Preamble

The member schools of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and East Bay Area League (EBAL) are committed to providing a sportsmanship environment for the students, coaches, officials, and spectators.

Sportsmanship Definition

Sportsmanship occurs with a person who can take a loss or defeat without complaining and with a person who can achieve a victory without gloating.

In every case, the athlete must treat his or her opponents with fairness, courtesy, and respect.

Unacceptable Behavior

The following behaviors are **unacceptable** at all CIF, NCS, and EBAL contests:

- Berating your opponent's school or mascot
- Berating opposing players
- Making obscene cheers or gestures
- Displaying negative signs
- Using noisemakers
- Complaining about official's calls (comments or gestures)